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ANNUAL MEETING HOLSTEIN BREEDERS IS HELD

SPLENDID PROGRAM OFFERED — SPEAKERS ADDRESS INTERESTED CATTLE BREEDERS

Well over one hundred and fifty guests gathered at the Stirling Community Hall on Thursday evening of last week to attend the annual banquet of the Hastings County Holstein Breeders' Association. A splendid dinner was prepared by the members of the local Women's Institute, and even though the number in attendance was greater than was expected, the ladies, in their usual capable manner, re-arranged their plans and the overflow attendance was well served with excellent food. The organization were the recipients of many complimentary remarks for the manner in which they served the assembly.

Mr. C. Ketcheson, president of the organization, acted as toastmaster for the program, which consisted of speeches by several men prominent in the cattle industry, the presentation of motion pictures, and selections by a trio composed of Miss. G. Poynter, Arthur Duncan and Bill Jones, while the latter also game selections with guitar and harmonica.

After all had enjoyed the fine luncheon, the toast to The King was honoured, and community singing, led by Mr. Arthur Duncan, with Mr. Fred Houchin at the piano, was enjoyed.

Reeve W. C. West welcomed those present at the banquet, as this was the first time the association had ever held its meeting in Stirling.

One of the highlights of the evening's program was the presentation of the prizes to the members of the Hastings County Junior Calf Club Members for their showing in competition at the annual Black and White Day held in conjunction with the Stirling Fall Fair. Mr. H. L. Fair, local representative of the Department of Agriculture, under whose direction the clubs were organized, called the winners to the front of the hall and presented the prizes along with his personal congratulations. Prizes winners (not in order of merit) are listed as follows:

Belleville Junior Farmers' Calf Club — Clayton Thompson, Robert Hoard, Wesley Finch, Murray Heath, Douglas Campbell, Gordon Richardson, Bobby Sine, Douglas Ketcheson, Frank Meyers, Bert Bonisteel.

Madoc Junior Farmers' Calf Club — William Pigden, Herbert Harris, Eugene Pigden, Tom Burnside, Jack Burnside, Jim Burnside, Bob Kincaid.

Tweed Junior Farmers' Calf Club — Scott Bateman, Clifford McCammon, Ernie Reynolds, Jack Fluke, Stanley Geen, Jim Fluke, Raymond Geen, Carmen Geen, Joe Schwager.

R. M. Holtby, who for many years has been connected with organizations of this kind, and a veteran farmer, addressed the audience briefly.

Mr. A. D. Runions, of Kemptville Agricultural School, spoke at some length on the subject "Ontario Farmers' War Effort." He spoke of the necessity of good crop production in the raising of better cattle. Always it should be the aim of the farmer to get his herd up to top rating and to keep it there. A herd, just because it has reached a state of near-perfection, will not stay at that level unless the owner pays particular attention to it. Good sires are an absolute essential. Mr. Runion's address was given particular attention by the younger members of the organization.

The main speakor of the evening was Mr. Hugh J. Colson, editor of the Holstein Friesian Journal, who after briefly offering congratulations to the organization for their progress, climaxed his remarks with the showing of two reels of motion pictures of cattle shows of the New York World's Fair and also cattle shows of Western Canada. Mr. Colson was introduced to the gathering by Mr. Ian McLeod, agricultural representative for the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

It was the largest gathering in the history of the Hastings County Organization and after expressions of gratitude to those who assisted on the program the evening closed with the singing of "O Canada."

HIGHLIGHTS OF NEW BUDGET

IMPORTATION OF MANY ITEMS BANNED TO CURB SPENDING OF CANADIAN MONEY IN U.S.

Here are the highlights of tariff restrictions and taxation charges introduced on Monday by Hon. J. L. Ilsey, Minister of Finance:

1. Complete prohibition of imports, except from sterling nations, of prepared cereals; flowers, processed and canned fruits and vegetables excepting currants, raisins, dates, apricots and grapefruit juice; preserved fish; manufactured tobacco; spirits and wines; certain fiction magazines and comics; consumers' paper items; perfumes; china and silverware; electrical household appliances; bathroom fixtures; automobiles; sporting goods; cameras; furniture; radios; phonographs; musical instruments; luggage; finished clothing; silks; ornaments; jewelry; toys; and numerous miscellaneous items.

2. Importation by permits gradually diminishing in number, of unmanufactured tobacco; motor vehicles other than passenger autos; hardwoods, veneers and ply-wood; raw silks and some partially manufactured forms of natural silk, but not artificial silk or synthetic fibres; all petroleum products.

3. An increase to 20 per cent. in the excise tax on autos up to $900. It remains at 40 per cent. on autos from $900 to $1200 and at 80 per cent. on autos over $1200.

4. An excise tax of 25 per cent. of the factory price on radios and tubes; phonographs, cameras, slot machines, electric and gas stoves, refrigerators, water heaters, light fixtures, washing machines, vacuum cleaners, toasters, grills, irons and ironers, coffee makers, curlers razors and a number of minor items.

5. Complete suspenison of the present tariff against the United Kingdom on all cottons, artificial silk, bituminous coal, jellies and jams, furniture, and gloves and mittens.

6. Reduction in tariffs against the United Kingdom on medicinal supplies, soap, tiles, tiles, stone and earthenware, table cutlery, bicycles, generators, transformers and motors, rugs and carpets, oilcloth and linoleum.

WILL VOTE ON NEW TERM

COUNCIL IS UNANIMOUS IN SUBMITTING QUESTION OF EXTENSION OF TERM TO VOTE

Electors in Stirling are to be given an opportunity on Municipal Election Day, Monday, January 6th, of specifying whether or not they desire to have the Council, selected for the year 1941, continue in office for the following year.

Such was the unanimous decision of those present at a regular meeting of Council held on Monday evening when a by-law authorizing the taking of a plebiscite on the question was given the necessary readings and passed. The by-law specifies that the vote will be taken at the same time and place as the municipal election of the year and electors will be asked to register an affirmative or negative opinion on the question: "Are you in favour, as a wartime measure under the Local Government Extension Act, 1940, of the municipal council elected for 1941 holding office for the term of two years?"

Reeve Wm. C. West occupied the chair and Councillors C. B. Rollins, F. Stapley, Gil. Thompson and E. G. Bailey were in attendance.

Correspondence was tabled from the Association of Rural Municipalities, seeking membership fee, and from Mothercrafts Society soliciting a donation. On motion of E. G. Bailey and C. B. Rollins the communications were received and fyled.

Mr. Cecil Macklin addressed Council regarding the securing of a grant for the Christmas Tree Club.

Moved by C. B. Rollins, seconded by Gil. Thompson that the Christmas Tree Club be given the usual grant of $25 and the children be given a free show on the afternoon of December 14th.

The matter of the removal of the snow from the business section of the village was discussed at some length by Council, but was left in abeyance until the next meeting.

Treasurer R. A. Patterson reported that there were still a number of dog owners who had failed to pay the tax. Council decided to take immediate action for collecting the same.

A request from Walter T. Elliott for permission to connect a drainage pipe to the Village drain running to Rawdon Creek was granted on motion of Councillors C. B. Rollins and F. Stapley.

Reeve West reported that he had received complaints from residents that a drain crossing Front St. W., a provincial highway, was plugged; also that the operator of the Government

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Coming to Stirling

Saturday, Dec. 14th promises to be a big day in Stirling, when several hundred school children will be in town to welcome Santa Claus, and to enjoy a free show at the Stirling Theatre. Every child will receive a favour from Santa, whose visit is sponsored by the business men and other interested persons in the village and surrounding community. No canvas for funds is being made this year, but donations may be left at this office. The Committee would appreciate receiving your donation as soon as possible.

TO SPEAK AT ST. JOHN'S

On Sunday evening, Dec. 8th, at 8.00 p.m., a special service will be held in St. John's Church, Stirling, at which the special preacher will be Rev. John L. Hutchinson, Vicar of St. George's, Trenton. This service is sponsored by the Men's Club, and it is hoped a large attendance will be present.

UNDERWENT OPERATION

Friends of Shirley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Montgomery, will be sorry to learn that she underwent an operation for appendicitis in Belleville Hospital on Monday. Latest reports are that she is doing as well as can be expected.

ATTENDED FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Eggleton, Mrs. Pidgeon, Clark and Dorothy Pidgeon, and Mr. Nathan Clarke, Holloway, left for Aurora on Monday to attend the funeral of Mr. Alfred Clarke on Tuesday. They returned on Tuesday night.

WON PRIZES AT EMPIRE SHOW

DISTRICT CHEESEMAKERS IN THE MONEY WITH CHEESE GRADING OVER 97 POINTS

Cheesemakers from this district were prominent in the prize-winning at the British Empire Dairy Show and Cheese exhibit held in Belleville on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The John H. Echlin Memorial Cup for 1940 was awarded to John H. Dudgeon, Thomasburg, Ont., for exhibiting the highest scoring cheese from Central or Eastern Ontario, with a score of 98.2 points. The J. D. LeClair Challenge Trophy for 1940 was awarded to Henri Bildeau Chambord, Co. Roberval, Que. The prize is awarded to the cheesemaker exhibiting the highest scoring cheese from the Province of Quebec.

Owen J. McEvoy, Madoc, was awarded the J. P. Griffin Challenge Shield for 1940, awarded to the dairy instructor of Central Ontario whose group wins the greatest amount of prize money in the regular classes.

G. C. Longfield, of Belton, Ont., captured the grand championship prize for 1940 awarded to the cheesemaker receiving the highest average score for cheese on exhibition at the British Empire Day Show, now being held in the City Hall.

The cheese made by Mr. Longfield scored 97.95 in the seven classes and the British Empire Special.

In section 8, two flats, white or colored, Douglas Rowe, of Hoards, won second prize with a score of 98.2, while the British Empire special, first prize, silver challenge trophy, gold medal and diploma, was won by Bert Anderson, Madoc, with a score of 97.7. John Dudgeon, Thomasburg, was second, with a score of 97.6. He also won the Ontario Cheese Producers' Special of one hundred dollars, with Thos. Hogle, of Roslin, winning second prize.

Among those from this district who received diplomas of honour awarded to the makers entering cheese in the dairy instructors' special class, and whose cheese scored 97 points or over were: John Hall, Foxboro, 98.0; Alec Johnston, Madoc, R.R. No. 2, 97.9; Thos. O. Heath, West Huntingdon, 97.7; Douglas Rowe, Hoards 97.3; Bert Bouck, Crookston, 97.2; Bert Anderson, Madoc, R.R. No. 3, 97.1; John H. Dudgeon, Thomasburg, 97.1; Arthur

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Celebrates Anniversary

There was an enjoyable time spent on Saturday, Nov. 30th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Bailey, when Mr. Andrew Kirk was guest of honour at a Birthy party on the occasion of his 86th birthday.

Mr. Kirk received many birthday greetings, personal and by card, and his birthday was broadcast over radio station CFRB.

His four daughters were present on this occasion, namely Mrs. E. G. Bailey, Stirling; Mrs. E. W. Carleton, Plainfield; Mrs. H. L. VanAllen, Peterboro, and Mrs. Geo. A. Bailey, Harold; also his granddaughter, Miss Cora Bailey, Harmony.

In spite of reaching such an advanced age, Mr. Kirk enjoys good health and is real active in daily duties about the farm. His main hobby is poultry raising. He also makes a weekly visit to Stirling.

Mr. Kirk is still loyal to his country. He served several years as Reeve of Hungerford township. He also served a term as Warden of Hastings County. He spent many years farming near Chapman's Corners, Hungerford Township, until 22 years ago, when he retired to reside in Stirling. Six years ago he took up residence with his daughter, Mrs. Geo. A. Bailey. A gala day was enjoyed by everyone. After the dinner hour the afternoon was spent in reminiscing olden times. Several group pictures were taken. Later each wished Mr. Kirk many more years of continued health and happiness and left for home.

A Chance To Help

A plan for the salvaging of 1940 automobile license plates by the Ontario Division of the Canadian Red Cross Society was announced recently by the Hon. Mitchell F. Hepburn, Prime Minister of Ontario. Mr. Hepburn pointed out that if all or nearly all the 1940 plates were recovered, the Red Cross Funds would benefit by a substantial sum and almost three hundred tons of scrap steel would be made available for war purposes.

"Bob" Patterson's store will be the Stirling headquarters for collection of the old plates, so if you have any 1940 (or other) plates, leave them at "Bob's" and help Canada's war effort by aiding the Red Cross.

IN HOSPITAL

Miss Sarah Knox, of town, was taken to Belleville Hospital on Friday, where she is undergoing treatment. Her many friends will be glad to know that her condition is improved and hope for her complete recovery.

IS ON JURY

Mr W. L. Fox, of town, is a member of the jury hearing the charge of reckless driving against Hubert Herrington, 18-year-old truck driver, of Belleville. The charge was laid following an accident near Millbridge when a truck driven by Herrington collided with an automobile driven by William McFee, Aug. 17. Mrs. Jessie Allore, of Trenton, a passenger in the McFee car, was instantly killed and four other occupants in the car were seriously injured.

OUR CHRISTMAS ISSUE

The annual Christmas shopping issue of the News-Argus will be published on Thursday, Dec. 12th, and distributed to hundreds of homes in this district. The issue, as usual, will contain a full list of the gift suggestions carried by practically all the merchants, as well as the regular features. The News-Argus invites the co-operation of the merchants and assures them every assistance.

AT COUNTY COUNCIL

Reeve Wm. C. West is attending the final session of Hastings County Council for the year, being held in Shire Hall, Belleville, this week. Others from this district in attendance are Messrs G. B. Bedford, Reeve, and W. J. Tanner, Deputy-Reeve of Rawdon Township; Reeve Thos. Fleming, of Huntingdon, and Reeve F. Wilson and Deputy-Reeve Sam Nicolson of Sidney Township.

VISITS HERE

Stirling Encampment, No. 80, I.O.O. F. were signally honoured on Friday evening, when Allan H. Jack, of Kirkland Lake, Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, paid his official visit. During the evening the Grand Patriarch delivered a very inspirational address on the work of the Order, and his remarks were greatly appreciated by those in attendance. At the close of the regular lodge meeting refreshments were served and a social hour spent.

WINTRY WEATHER

Due to heavy snowstorms on Friday and Saturday and again yesterday, many of the sideroads in this district are practically blocked to motor traffic and snow is piled high on the village streets. However, the main highways have been kept open by the government snowplows and traffic on the main thoroughfares has been inconvenienced but little. Freezing weather followed the Saturday storm with several local thermometers registering as low as sixteen below zero on Tuesday morning.

LIBRARY REPORT

The following is the list of books in circulation through the facilities of the Stirling Public Library for the month of November, as compiled by Librarian G. L. Clute.

	Adult	Juv.
Philosophy	2	—
Religion	9	—
Sociology	4	6
Natural Science	1	84
Useful Arts	5	—
Fine Arts	9	3
Literature	33	11
History	22	30
Travel	13	30
Biography	12	2
Fiction	571	179
Magazines	130	
Total	811	345

LADIES' NIGHT AT NEXT MEETING

COMMUNITY WELFARE CLUB WILL HAVE JOHN DEACON AS GUEST ARTIST ON TUESDAY

Next Tuesday night, Dec. 10th, is the date set for the Annual Ladies' night and party by the Stirling Community Welfare Club when the members will entertain their wives and friends. Plans are under way to make the evening one of the most enjoyable in the history of the Club.

The program committee, under the leadership of Chairman Lynn Fair, has been successful in securing the services of John Deacon, brilliant Canadian tenor, who will head the fine bill of entertainment in the rendition of several groups of songs. Mr. Deacon is recognized as one of Canada's leading vocal artists and has been heard several times on the Canadian network under the sponsorship of the special features department of the C.B.C.

In order that all local music lovers may enjoy this musical treat, prospective members for the 1941 season are to be included in the invitation. Those desirous of securing such membership may do so by turning in their fee of $1.00 to any members of the membership committee or the Club executive. Join the Club now and include this fine party in your list of social functions for the year. In addition to this music treat, the program will be packed with fun-making surprises and the party will eclipse all previous efforts in quality. Supper will be served at fifty cents per person. Remember the date, Tuesday, December 10th.

ST. PAUL'S W.A. ELECTS OFFICERS

ANNUAL MEETING HELD AND NEW SLATE OF OFFICIALS TO CARRY ON WORK FOR YEAR

The December meeting of St. Paul's Women's Association was held at the home of Mrs. C. I. Hatton on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 3rd, with the President, Mrs. F. N. McKee, in charge. The meeting opened with the singing of the theme song and the Lord's Prayer in unison. The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting; also read several acknowledgments of cards and letters received during the month and reported ten cards sent during that period. A complete financial report was presented by the Treasurer, Mrs. R. Duffin, revealing a substantial balance in the bank. The attendance recording system revealed a splendid representation of the ladies of the Church. During the business part of the meeting it was decided that the entire membership of the W.A. be active as visiting committee for this month. Mrs. C. Macklin and Mrs. J. L. Good were appointed auditors and the previously adopted plan of sending greeting cards to the sick and shut-ins at Christmas will be continued. At this point in the program Mrs. F. N. McKee, retiring president, expressed sincere gratitude for the co-operation and help given her during the two years by the Executive Committee, and all members of the W.A. Mrs. E. G. Bailey, convenor of the program committee, presided over the entertainment part of the program and the devotional period, planned to follow the seasonal Christmas theme. The Scripture lesson, "The story of Christmas", taken from the third chapter of St. Luke, was read by Mrs. Bailey, and was interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, led by Mrs. C. Macklin, and followed with prayer by the convenor. The program continued with the presentation of a fine group of readings given in the following order: "Get the best out of your pastor," given by Mrs. J. L. Good; "The Custom of Sending Christmas Greeting Cards," by Mrs. G. L. Clute; "The Yule verse Writer," by Mrs. Geo. White. These fine numbers were particularly appropriate and very much appreciated.

The election of officers for the coming year was conducted by Rev. A. M. Laverty, with the following ladies appointed to direct activities for 1941:

Past President — Mrs. F. N. McKee.
President — Mrs. R. B. Duffin.
1st vice-Pres. — Mrs. L. Fair.
2nd vice-Pres. — Mrs. Gordon Bailey.
3rd vice-Pres. — Mrs. Roy Finkle.
Treasurer — Mrs. M. Hick.
Secretary — Mrs. Nora Wescott.
Pianist — Mrs. Don Williams
Asst. Pianist — Mrs. J. J. Wilson.
Parsonage Committee — Mrs. C. F. Linn, Mrs. C. Macklin and Mrs. M. Pitman.

The meeting closed with the singing of another Christmas hymn and prayer by Rev. A. M. Laverty. A very dainty luncheon was served by the ladies of the committee and a social hour was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Following are the ladies responsible for the program and luncheon: Mrs. E. G. Bailey, Mrs. Fre. Elgie, Mrs. J. L. Good, Mrs. W. H. Patterson, Mrs. Geo. White, Mrs. G. L. Clute, Mrs. Earl Luery, Mrs. C. I. Hatton.

RINK OPENS

Stirling skating rink opened for business last night, when a good sheet of ice was presented for lovers of this form of recreation by caretaker Conley Ackers. This is the earliest date the local rink has been opened for skating since its erection.

COMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS CONCERT — UNDER auspices of St. Paul's S.S., will be held on Friday, Dec. 20th, at 8 p.m. Admission 25c. 10-1

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THEY SHOULD RIDE FREE

● Just how soon is the Government going to wake up to the fact that Canada is pretty well set on the idea that the soldiers a long way from home should get free transportation when they go on leave? The chorus swells all across the Dominion, and if there is anything in this idea that a Government pays attention to public opinion something should happen pretty soon. And, after all, why not? This nationally owned railway system of ours has cost the taxpayers enough money. Why not give some of those who are making its continued existence under the Union Jack possible a chance to ride on it?

AS IT SHOULD BE

●The Hepburn Government's "two-year-term for municipal councils" met with harsh treatment in the great majority of centres where the question was balloted on in Monday's elections. Five or six cities, including Belleville, were the only centres that favoured the legislation, while the general sentiment in all other centres was strongly opposed to extending the life of municipal bodies. The result is what one would expect, as the right to vote is one of the privileges of a democratic country. A good council can always be returned by acclamation and they will be in office because it is the wish of the people and not because of legislation at Queen's Park.

AID FOR THE FARMER

● Members of the Belleville Cheese Board have petitioned the Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion for a subsidy to aid the cheese producers in the coming year. While it is understood there will be a slight increase in the price of cheese, under a new agreement made recently with Great Britain, it is out of line with the present cost of production. The farm labour situation in this province has become "acute" due to so many leaving the farms to secure more remunerative positions in industry, and under the existing conditions it is impossible for the farmer to compete with industry in the labor market. Unless some aid is forthcoming, production in Canada's basic industry is bound to decrease considerably at a time when it should be on the up-grade.

NAVY WEEK BEING HELD

● This is Navy Week in Ontario and in schools in all part of the province, the thrilling story of Britain's sea might will be retold. How England became Mistress of the Seas makes one of the noblest chapters in all history and both boys and girls will recall heroic deeds at sea as in Ontario's classrooms tribute is paid to the Empire's magnificent sea defence. In adopting this method of stimulating patriotism, the Navy League has the full support of the Department of Education, including the plan of making a collection in the schools.

The League has undertaken to see that every man who sails the high seas, and who is at a Canadian seaport during the Christmas season, is given tangible proof that those who serve the King afloat are not forgotten. The "ditty" bags being filled by women workers for the Navy League in many parts of Ontario, will bring comfort to those who serve in the merchant marine as well as His Majesty's Naval forces.

We are sure our readers will agree that it is a noble work the Navy League has undertaken and any assistance that may be given will be greatly appreciated by not only its officers but those in the sea service.

TRIPS TO THE U. S. A.

● Canada is urgently in need of aeroplanes, aeroplane engines and parts and other vital war requirements. Most of such materials must be purchased in the United States and must be paid for in cash, in United States dollars. To secure these, less important calls upon Canada's available supply of foreign exchange, such as pleasure travel, must be subordinated. That is why the Government has asked Canadians to forego pleasure visits to the United States. It is not that Canada is spending less money in the United States than heretofore. As a matter of fact, our expenditures are running to record levels. The question is one of deciding on the relative importance of the purposes to which our foreign exchange resources may be used.. Obviously aeroplanes and other munitions of war are more important in the national interest today than pleasure travel of our citizens in the U.S.A.

A resident of Canada must have a permit to take Canadian or American dollars to the United States. The Foreign Exchange Control Board supplies United States dollars and gives permits to take them out of Canada for legitimate business trips, travel for health reasons and in certain other special cases. Special arrangements have also been made for Canadians living in border communities to continue their normal social intercourse with friends in neighbouring American communities. Otherwise, however, Canadians desirous of visiting the United States for pleasure will not be permitted to take out of Canada either Canadian or American dollars.

Canadians who do not observe the Regulations and attempt to take money out of the cuontry without a permit are making themselves liable to prosecution.

THE BEST PLACE TO SHOP

● Next week the News-Argus will publish its annual Christmas Shopping Edition, which will feature the Christmas Bargains offered by the merchants of the village. Watch for it and be sure you read it. You will be repaid if you do your shopping in Stirling this Christmas. Local merchants have gone to considerable expense and trouble to stock their shelves with a fine assortment of Christmas and seasonal goods which compare favourably with those that can be purchased anywhere else. This is something that the citizens of Stirling and community should stop and think over.

Whether it's a radio, an electric razor, a piece of furniture, electric stove, refrigerator, wearing apparel, candies, toys, tobaccos, washing machines, automobiles or auto accessories, they can be obtained in Stirling, and at prices that cannot be bettered anywhere. What more can any purchaser ask for?

Of course, there are those who make a practice of buying practically everything out of town on the excuse that the local merchant cannot supply their wants, or charges too much, or some other excuse. This is an erroneous idea. Most of these people have simply acquired the habit of buying out-of-town and never give the merchant a chance to subscribe to their wants. It is true that local merchants have not as large a range of goods on their shelves as stores in larger centres, but we venture the opinion that there is not a merchant in Stirling but would gladly order anything a customer wants.

However, there are two sides to this question of loyalty to your home town. Merchants who expect the citizens of the district to trade with them, should in return buy their needs from their neighbours in business, rather than patronize stores of some larger centre. Buyers cannot be blamed for failing to patronize merchants who deal out of town when they require merchandise. This is something for the business people to consider.

So, before doing your Christmas shopping elsewhere, pay a visit to your local stores. You will be surprised at the range of choice offered and the reasonable prices. Unless local citizens buy their needs in Stirling Stores, the local merchants cannot prosper, and if they do not prosper, what is to become of our village? The business men are the backbone of any community. Without them there would not be sufficient revenue to operate the public utilities, no one to offer employment to the local workmen, or to support the many other community enterprises, schools, churches, etc.

Your patronage will be appreciated by the business men, and in addition, you will be helping the entire community.

CURRENT COMMENT

● Some people's idea of having a circus is making a show of themselves.

● It takes about 1500 nuts to hold an automobile together, but only one to scatter it all over the landscape.

● The appearance of 1941 markers on several cars in the village reminds the motorists that they only have until the end of this month to make their contribution to the Provincial Treasury.

● In spite of repeated warnings by the Village Council, a considerable number of dog owners in the village have neglected to pay their 1940 dog license. According to a decision reached at Monday night's Council meeting, these delinquents are soon to learn that the by-law covering this matter has "teeth" connected with it.

● Although King Winter has made his entry in no uncertain fashion, there has been no talk of hockey here. There is little chance of an entry in the Trent Valley League, and nothing has been heard of the Rural League. The High School will have a team in the Interscholastic League and it may well be that the fans will have only this class of hockey to watch during the next few months.

● Plans are being rushed for the annual visit of Santa Claus to Stirling, on Saturday afternoon, December 14th. But in order that his visit may meet with its usual degree of success certain finances are needed, and it is expected that the business people and others interested will make their usual donations. However, no canvas is being made as in other years, and those wishing to help bring happiness to several hundred boys and girls of school age are asked to leave their donation at this office. Only a few donations have been received so far, so do not delay any longer. Let us have yours at once.

What Others Say

NOT MARRIED TO JOB

Lanark Township Council is putting the two year term question up to the electors. This shows the reeve and his colleagues do not consider themselves married to municipal life until death do us part. — Almonte Gazette.

EXPORTS TO JAPAN

If Canada can cut off exports of copper to Japan, she ought also be able to do something about reducing that country's imports of other metals from the Dominion, including the 4,000 tons of lead that are going forward from a smelter at Trail, B.C.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

IN THE REALM OF FUTILITY

"If there's a newer or better way to get catsup out of a bottle than by spanking it on the bottom," moans the editor of the Peterboro Examiner, "then we'd like to know about it." We can't help you, mister; and it's just as futile as trying to get obedience out of your offspring that way.—Ottawa Citizen.

FIRST HAZARD

The hazards of marriage begin early. For instance, there is the wild drive through busy downtown streets immediately following the wedding ceremony. "I take this woman . ." doesn't mean that you must take her at forty miles on hour past the post office. We are not given to telling the police what they should do about every little thing, but if they were to cool a few of these impatient bridegrooms the cops would be supported by every mother, by every father, by every bride—and by a few dead people who didn't make the curb in time.—From the Stratford Beacon-Herald.

PRINTERS WON'T BE SORRY

With the disappearance from the Hepburn cabinet of the Madoc-born Hon. Eric Cross, the father of the proposition of two-years-or-more for municipal councils, the printers of the country may be tempted to send him a bunch of crepe to hang on his political future. When next summer rolls around and there are no voters' lists to print, the country printers will be making of the Hon. Eric Cross. And if the Hepburn Government should go to the country about that time, it will have to surmount an obstacle set up by one of its own cabinet ministers. —Trenton Courier Advocate

ADVERTISED GOODS ARE KNOWN BEST

People know more about advertised goods than about those that are not advertised. If you ask what is a good thing to buy for some need people will usually quote some widely advertised article that everyone has heard of. If you ask about some competing article that is not advertised, they will usually say they never heard of it, consequently they are not likely to buy it. People not merely buy the advertised goods they have heard of, but they are more likely to buy at the stores that are well advertised. These concerns appear constantly before the public eye by their widely read notices. A concern gets a big advantage over its competitors by the relatively small expense of advertising.—Carleton Place Canadian.

WHERE ARE CANADA'S PLANES?

Why has Canada not gone "All out" in airplane production?

At a time when every competent authority is calling for planes, planes, planes, why is Canada's industry still being used at far below its possibilities?

That the industry is on a hand-to-mouth basis compared to what it should be is amply shown in a news story elsewhere in this issue. This article reveals that this vital war industry is still hedged with duplicating restrictions, handicapped by lack of definite leadership from Ottawa.

As yet there has been no national survey to reveal the full potential capacity of this country to produce military planes. There is little if any co-ordination in the matter of trained labor or the securing of necessary parts from the United States.

By luck, and through the enthusiasm and energy of a few companies we have produced a sufficient supply of training planes to meet requirements. But we will need much more than this to build the heavier fighting craft that must follow the trainers. The trainers can be produced in 5,000 to 10,000 man hours; the heavier machines, the ones that are actually used against the enemy, require 50,000 to 125,000 man hours.

To get these big planes quickly and in war-deciding volume we need a Beaverbrook of our own. We need a leader big enough to slash through present crippling red tape, a man with broad vision and the ability and power to make quick, right decisions.—Financial Post.

TRIBUTE TO CHAMBERLAIN

A salute to the man with the frayed
old umbrella
He's gone from this world, this misjudged old fellow
With the sound of the plane and the
bomb's screaming cry
He mourned for mankind as he lay
down to die.

He fought a good fight for his threescore and ten
And though he's been scorned by
much lesser men
We must always remember a man
must be big
For the sake of a cause to grovel
and dig.

He knew that Old England wasn't
ready to fight
So he staved off the battle till time
would be right
He cajoled and he humored the man
spawned by hate
Till he girded our loins and stood at
the gate.

Yes I think if he'd blundered in those
gloomy days
The Germans would goose-step in our
streets and our quays
Yes perchance the Good God has used
old Sir Neville
To defeat and frustrate the schemes
of the devil.

And if he is sitting with God up above
I know he looks down with a heart
full of love
And will shout out with joy when the
battle is won
For before all other things he was old
England's Son.

—Author Unknown

Twenty Years Ago

Issue of December 9th, 1920

Madoc Junction

Mr. W. J. Fitchett is under the doctor's care with blood poisoning, caused from the nerve of a tooth that had been treated badly.

Mrs. Geo. Gay visited friends in Shannonville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bird have moved to Stirling.

Local and Personal

Mr. C. W. Thompson is attending the sessions of the County Council in Belleville.

Mr. Wm. Holden, of Vancouver, B. C., is visiting his mother and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Cobbledick, of Warkworth, were guests of Mr and Mrs. Ed. McKeown last week.

Mrs. T. A. Eggleton has returned home from visiting her son in Deseronto.

Mr. Geo. Drewry has purchased the residence on Front St., lately occupied by Thos. Cranston, and is moving into town today.

Births

SINE—In Rawdon, on Monday, Dec. 6th, to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Sine, twin girls.

Deaths

VANALLEN—In Rawdon, on Saturday, Dec. 4, Julia Ann Vanallen and mother of Mr. Charles E. Vanallen, of Stirling, aged 81 years, 8 months and 11 days.

STIRLING BOYS WITH CANADIAN FORCES

In case there are any omissions we will appreciate being advised of the same, in order that the list may be kept up-to-date.

Hastings-Prince Edward Regiment

Major E. W. Matthews, Stirling.
Lieut. C. Holmes, Stirling.
C.S.M. E. J. Dainard, Stirling.
Cpl. H. McLeaming
Cpl. Clarence Heath, Stirling
Sgt. Clarence A. Wright.
Cpl. W. J. Preston.
Signaller Harry W. Brooks, Stirling
Lce.-Cpl. J. H. Preston.
Pte. S. Dainard, Stirling.
Pte. F. D. Wood, Stirling.
Pte. Alvin John Stoneburg, Stirling
Pte. Harry Jones, Stirling.
Pte. Jack Bowen, Stirling.
Pte. C. R. Dunkley.
Pte. Lorne Kirkey, Stirling.
Pte. Raymond Scott
Pte. J. P. Tuepah, Stirling.
Pte. R. A. Heath, Stirling.
Pte. H. R. Skillicorn, Stirling.
Pte. Ned Faires, Stirling.
Pte. Delbert Ashley, Stirling.
Pte. Elmer West
Pte. H. Lummis
Pte. J. Ackers
Pte. John Rosebush
Pte. Geo. Dunkley.
Pte. Clayton Heath.
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Pte. Wm. S. Gray
Pte. W. H. Anderson, Hoards.
Pte. G. T. Cook, Harold.
Pte. E. E. Curlette, Holloway.
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Pte. G. D. Stephens, Holloway.
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Pte. Geo. E. Cotten, Harold
Cpl. Ross Cronkwright, Bonarlaw.
Pte. M. E. Wright, Ivanhoe.
Pte. P. B. Kelly, Holloway.
Pte. R. E. Ray, Springbrook.
Pte. Donald Stapley, Madoc Junction
Pte. Wm. Alexander.
Pte. N. McLeod, West Huntingdon.
Pte. John Townsend, Holloway
Pte. Jas. Akey, Holloway.
Pte. Jack Vilneff.

Midland Regiment C.A.S.F.

Chas. Carvin
Pte. David Wellman, Bonarlaw.

R. C. A. F.

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Jack Potter
Jack Bailey, Stirling.
Stewart McGowan, Stirling.
Reginald Clarke, Stirling.
Jack Scott
Donald Scott, Stirling.
Gerald Ward, Stirling
Aubrey Rodgers, Stirling
Harold F. Taylor, Harold.

R.C.A.

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John McMechan
Gunner J. W. Symons, Stirling.
Henry Dean, Bonarlaw.
Gnr. Jack Lummis.

R.C.A.M.C.

Capt. W. H. Pedley

C.D.C.

Jack Tullough

R.C.H.A.

Gnr. George Stewart, C.D., Hoards

R.C.A.S.C.

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Lanark Renfrew Scottish

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Royal Canadian Navy

Leslie Chambers
Walter P. Rodgers
Donald Broadworth
Wm. B. Heath, Stirling

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Leaves Madoc Junction for Belleville — 1.10 p.m.

(Tuesday - Thursday - Saturday)

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NEWS FOR THE BUSY FARMER

URGE EXTREME CAUTION IN FEEDING MUSTY GRAIN

Farmers who have musty grain in their bins this fall as a result of continued wet weather during harvest time, are advised to use extreme caution in the feeding of this grain to live stock and poultry. Some farmers who have fed musty grain in fairly large quantity have already experienced difficulty and have sick animals on their hands.

While no definite research work has been done in Ontario in the feeding of musty grain, due to the fact that this province seldom experiences an all-rainy harvest season, the consensus among Ontario agricultural officials is that no more than 20 per cent of a cattle ration should include musty grain and a lower percentage if possible. They point out that there are degrees in "mustiness" and every care should be used in feeding this grain. Rotten grain should be thrown out entirely and not fed at all.

Hogs, it was believed, could be fed up to 50 per cent of the ration in grain that was slightly musty, but this too would depend on the degree of mustiness and therefore no special rule could be laid down for individual feeding. Each farmer would have to experiment for himself.

Only a very small proportion could be fed to poultry and the grain would have to be ground and on no account fed whole.

Officials stated that farmers who have musty grain would be well advised to put it through the fanning mill to dry it out; shovel it over in the bin, or spread it on the barn floor. The quicker it was dried, the better feed it would make.

RECOMMEND FEEDS TO INCREASE MILK PRODUCTION

With Ontario being asked to step up the production of cheese for the food line of war time Great Britain, this increase in production in the final analysis depends on the milk flow of Ontario cows.

Farmers may or may not be getting the best results from their dairy herds these winter months. This will depend in large measure on feeding methods. The Ontario Feed Board, sponsored by the Ontario Dept. of Agriculture, has issued a handbook of twenty pages on the Feeding and management of Dairy Cattle which may be obtained free of charge from your local Agricultural Representative. It contains much valuable information.

In general, the Feed Board recommends feeding according to the requirements of each animal. Feed at regular hours each day and avoid sudden changes in feeding. Provide a sufficient supply of fresh water salt and minerals.

For dairy cows in milk the Board advises one pound hay, 2 pounds of roots and 2 pounds of silage daily for each 100 pounds of live weight or one pound hay and 3 1-2 pounds silage, or 1 1-2 pounds of hay and 4 pounds of roots or 2 pounds to 2 1-2 pounds of hay.

When it comes to meal mixtures, the Board advises the daily feed of one pound of meal mixture for every 3 or 4 pounds of milk produced daily. Recommended mixtures are to be found in the handbook. Every farmer who wants to aid Great Britain to the utmost of his ability should have a copy of this book.

CANADIAN TURKEY CROP 1940

The comparatively small amount of turkeys marketed at the Poultry Fairs in the earlier part of this week at Kemptville, Merrickville and Jasper, Ontario, and the prices of 19 to 20 cents per pound paid to producers are no justification for a subsequent drop of two cents a pound announced by some buyers on Friday, say officials of the Agriculture Department.

Generally speaking the turkey crop in Canada is short this year due to poor hatchability and high mortality resulting principally from the continued cold wet weather last spring. The shortage is more pronounced in Eastern than in Western Canada. In some parts of Eastern Canada production is said to be down about 50 per cent. this year. In Western Canada the reports are variable, some sections reporting less, other sections about the same as last year.

Immediately after Christmas 1939, there were few turkeys left in retailers hands and many had difficulty in securing their requirements for the New Year. Stocks in storage are less this year than they were last year. With the greatly improved industrial and business conditions this year, the demand for turkeys for this coming Christmas should be greater and the price correspondingly higher.

WINTER CARE OF THE BROOD SOW

The brood sow requires special care during the winter months when living under conditions which are largely unnatural, if she is to prove a successful mother.

A small portable 8 x 10 foot cabin in a sheltered location, banked with straw and kept well bedded with clean dry straw, will provide suitable winter quarters for 2 or 3 sows to within a week or 10 days of farrowing. At this time, it will be necessary to move the sows to suitable farrowing quarters, which should be heated for winter or early spring litters, says W. W. Cram, Experimental Station, Indian Head, Sask.

Exercise is essential at all times for the breeding sow and a reasonable amount can be assured by feeding at a distance of 100 yards or more from the sleeping quarters.

At breeding time it is desirable that the sow should not be in high flesh, as sows bred in a rather thin condition, but gaining at this time, are usually surer breeders and produce larger and stronger litters. It is necessary, however, that the sow be in good condition but not too fat by farrowing time.

A suitable ration for brood sows consists of 2 or 3 parts of oat chop to one of shorts or ground wheat by weight balanced with skimmilk or buttermilk, pound for pound of meal feed —or by the addition of 5 per cent of tankage to the meal mixture. One per cent of common salt included in the meal will promote the general health and thrift of the sow. The self-feeding of a mineral mixture consisting of 76 pounds soft coal, 20 pounds salt, 3 pounds air slacked lime or ground limestone, and 1 pound sulphur will supply minerals which may be deficient in ordinary feeds.

Sows should be fed twice daily at regular hours, the amount fed being regulated as well as possible, by the age, size, condition and stage of pregnancy of each individual.

Alfalfa and sweet clover hay, fed regularly are good winter substitutes for summer pasture, as they provide bulky, laxative food, rich in essential proteins, minerals and vitamins. Turnips, mangels and other vegetables are relished by sows as they provide succulence and variety. Bran should be included in the sow's feed previous to, and after, farrowing, because of its cooling and regulating effect. A constipated condition of the pregnant or nursing sow may result in the loss of both sow and litter.

Hairlessness in litters, which is caused by a lack of iodine, can be prevented by feeding a small amount of iodine to the sow. A simple method of supplying iodine is as follows: Dissolve one ounce of potassium iodide in one gallon water and give each sow one tablespoonful of the solution in feed two or three time weekly.

CHEESE BOARD

Three prices were made at the weekly meeting of the Belleville Cheese Board Thursday night when 478 boxes of white and 312 boxes of colored, totalling 790 boxes in all, were sold. W. R. McCreary took all of the colored cheese offered for sale at 14½c and 323 boxes of white at 13¾c. H. R. Hunter of the Swift Company took the remainder at 13 11-16c. Other buyers present were Messrs. W. H. Morton, J. S. Cook and C. Fraleigh.

Secretary-Treasurer F R. Mallory was instructed by the Board to inform the Minister of Agriculture of the Dominion Government, that the cheese producers in this area would be unable to maintain their average production of cheese next year owing to the depletion in their hired help and the increase in living costs. A bonus was suggested as a medium to relieve the unfortunate situation that has arisen. The factories listed were:

Harold	16
Central	33
Union	32
Northport	18
Sidney	47
Acme	23
Sidney T. Hall	35
Maple Leaf	42
Cloverdale	58
East Hastings	23
Springbrook	24
Mountain	36
Moira Valley	23
Quinte	22
Rogers	38
Frankford	25
Stirling	37
Roblin	21
Beulah	34
Riverside Dairy	44
Shamrock	23

IF CAPTURED

An international treaty provides that members of a Red Cross unit captured by belligerents are not to be treated as prisoners of war but are to be returned to their own country as soon as military exigencies permit. While detained, they are to care for the sick and wounded behind the enemy's lines and, in compensation, be given the same treatment, pay and quarters that they receive at home.

CHANGES IN SCHOOL INSPECTORATE

Owing to the removal of Mr. J. D. Deyell, B.A., B.Paed, who will be a master at Ottawa Normal School until midsummer, 1941, changes have been made necessary in the school inspectorates of Hastings County.

Inspector J. R. Pickering will supervise the Belleville schools and Frankford, as well as those in Bangor, Cashel, Carlow, Dungannon, Faraday, Herschel, Limerick, Mayo, McLure, Monteagle, Tudor, Wicklow, Wollaston townships and the village of Bancroft.

Schools in Thurlow, Sidney, the town of Deseronto, and the county of Lennox, will be inspected by Mr. K. O. Birkin, M.A., B.Paed., with headquarters at Napanee.

The inspectorate of Centre Hastings will be administered by Mr. A. W. McGuire, B.A., as well as the township of Marmora, the town of Trenton and the villages of Marmora and Deloro.

IF ENGLAND DIE!

If England die? Our thought refuses it,
As something gross, impossible to hear!
For at her death dies honest justice, too;
The strength that held and made the world more fair;
A breed of men earth's womb may no more bear,
To bless a callous world that let her die.

Should England die, the world will feel a void!
A something will be missed from heart and mind
That not all creeds nor culture can replace—
Finding none other fit to play her role;
The sum and substance of this earth's fair scroll
Shall crumble to decay — if England die.

Should England die — dread anarchy may rule—
Snatching the sceptre from her failing hand—
Lighting a ghastly pyre whose flames consume
The soul's strong edifice on which we stand,
Till freedom, hope and all we nobly planned—
All we have won from barbarism—gces!—if England die.

If England die—the noble stream that feeds
The lovely delta where our fate is cast
Dries!—and we wither, as the seeds
Meant to renew the world from out her past:
Her laws, her wisdom and her soul, at last,
We shall revere and prize—too late! —if England die.

If England die—we plunge into the night,
Where tyranny and hate—twin bandits—stand,
Knowing no urge but greed, no right but might,
No culture but a sword in blood-drenched hand;
And all the sapling framework of this land—
Robbed of its promised fruitage—fades!—if England die.

If England die? But this may never be,
While there is red blood in the veins of men!
While there are hearts and minds of noble build!
Whilst God—within His Heaven—cares! For then
None can mistake the road! None wonder when
To Strike!—for freedom and the heritage of men!—ere England die.

—Harold Gaze

The Bombs Were Falling Wide

(By a special correspondent of the Manchester Guardian).

Britain has complete control of the North Sea. Nazi claims that they have driven British shipping from our East Coast are like so many other boasts by Goebbels, completely without foundation.

For some days I have been on the North Sea on board a convoy escort vessel. We escorted two large, heavily laden convoys during my stay with her. Several others passed us. Merchant ships from our and the other convoys slipped in and out of East Coast harbors—all claimed by the Germans to be "bombed to ruins" to load and unload their cargoes. The smooth running of the convoy was disturbed only by weather conditions, not by "enemy activity." And this in spite of the greatly intensified Nazi drive of the last few weeks against our North Sea shipping.

After a lull bombing by the Luftwaffe has begun again. My convoy was bombed. The raid, like the vast majority of these German Air Force attacks on shipping, was completely unsuccessful. We were shadowed by a bomber and a seaplane until in the gathering dark we were passing another merchant armada. Both 'planes swooped down on us, dropping heavy bombs in three salvos. The nearest dropped 100 yards from any ship. The seaplane seemed so low that it was skimming the water beneath the level of the bridge of my armed escort. They made only one attack; the concentrated barrage of the escort ships quickly put them to flight. It was all over in seconds.

I watched the 'planes as they dived. Guns from every ship turned the dark sky into a glitter of bursting shells and spangles of tracers. There were three heavy concussions. My ship shuddered with the shocks. The gunfire was deafening in intensity and then suddenly died into silence. The two convoys moved on their appointed courses. Not a merchantman deviated a yard.

A few days earlier, while I was on board a patrol vessel, I had seen a similar attack on another convoy. The result was the same. Nazi warfare against British shipping has completely degenerated into fugitive hit-and-run raids. The skipper of my ship, who has been escorting North Sea convoys for months, has been often attacked. His convoys have been bombed, machine-gunned, tailed by U-boats and E-boats. And the net result of all this German activity has been several 'planes shot down, a few E-boats chased away and probably damaged. Not one British ship has been damaged by these enemy actions. These convoys proceeded serenely and safely to their ports.

And so it is happening daily in the North Sea. Cargo ships laden to the Pemsoll lines arrive at their ports; they unload, load, and sail. It is monotonous in its undisturbed regularity.

AIMING A GUN

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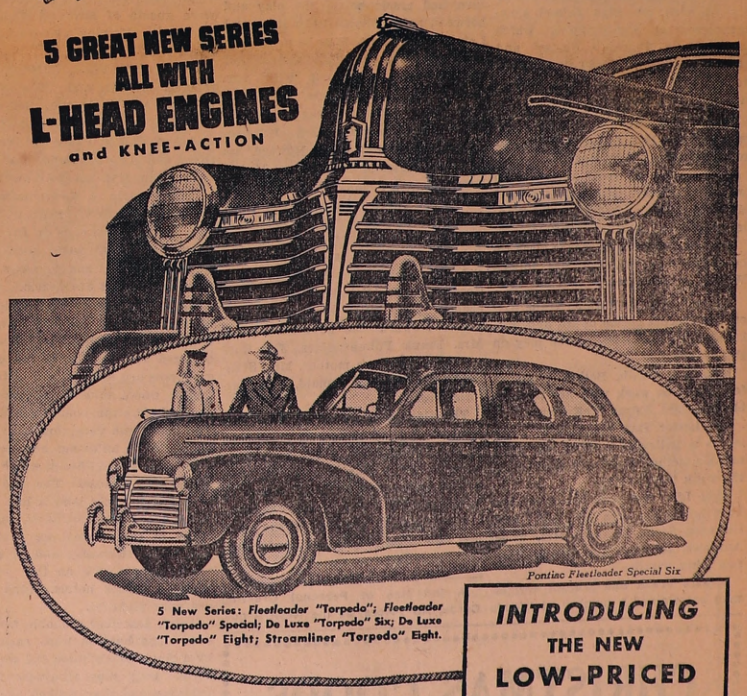

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Rawdon Circuit

(Rev. Jas. E. Beckel, Minister)

Sunday, December 8th, 1940

11.00 a.m. — Bethel
2.30 p.m.—Mount Pleasant
7.30 p.m. — Wellmans
(Minister at all Services)

St. Paul's United Church

Rev. A. Marshall Laverty, B.A., B.D.

Sunday, December 8th, 1940

10.00 a.m. — Sunday School.
11.00 a.m. — Morning worship — Sermon subject "Our World and Our Mission"
2.30 p.m. (S.T.) — Carmel
7.30 p.m. — Evening Worship — Sermon subject: "The Inner Voice."

MOUNT PLEASANT

Mrs. Frank Smith spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Curry, Consecon.

Mrs. Sarah McKeown is holidaying with her daughter, Mrs. Will Morrow, at Peterborough.

Mrs. Edgar McKeown entertained fourteen ladies on Wednesday at a Red Cross Sewing Bee when a layette was completed, also some children's blouses. Later, at the supper hour, several of the men came and enjoyed a delicious hot supper. Thirty people enjoyed the meal and a social evening.

Misses Muriel and Doris Sine attended a shower on Tuesday afternoon of last week at the home of Mrs. Delbert Sine, in honour of the Misses Annie and Viola Sine, who were Saturday brides.

A few from Mount Pleasant attended the funeral of Mrs. Robert Lamb, Stirling, on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl McAdam and family, Mr. Robert Melville and family attended the High School Commencement at Campbellford which was held on Thursday, Friday and Monday evenings. Miss Lois McAdam took part in the program and sang in a number of choruses.

Mrs. Emma Summers is holidaying with Mr. and Mrs. James Watson and other relatives in Seymour.

Miss Doris Sine spent several days with Mrs. Delbert Sine and Mrs. Neil Sine and was a waitress for the Stapley-Sine and Grills-Sine nuptials.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thrasher were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Watson, Campbellford.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Ruttan, Trent River, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jeffs and attended the play on Friday evening.

Mrs. Will Heath, Bethel, spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar McKeown.

Mr. Lester Hay underwent treatments in Belleville hospital last week and his mother, Mrs. John Hay, spent the week in the city.

Miss Lila Andrews, Bonarlaw, has been holidaying with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Sine and other friends.

Messrs Frank and Milford Wrightman entertained a number of friends at their home on Thursday evening. Guests present were from Trenton, Frankford and Belleville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest White spent Tuesday, November 26th, with Mrs. George Stone, Sidney, on the occasion of Mrs. White's birthday.

The ground is covered with a mantle of snow as one of the heaviest snow storms paid this vicinity a surprise visit. This is early in the season for such a heavy fall of snow and is an early reminder of the winter months ahead.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Campbell and Douglas attended the Holstein-Fresian banquet in Stirling on Thursday evening. Douglas was the recipient of a prize.

Play at Mount Pleasant Hall

On Friday evening Mount Pleasant Young People's Union presented a play entitled "Governor Joe's Amen", staged by Ivanhoe talent. Mr. Irvin Reid was chairman for the occasion and extended greetings on behalf of the young people. Miss Hilda Kilpatrick furnished music before the play and between acts. Misses Ruth Rose and Lois Weaver, with Mrs. Ken Weaver as accompanist sang "Playmates" and Rev. S. Delve delighted with two piano accordian numbers. Mrs. Arthur Woods introduced the characters as follows: Governor Joe Howard, Mr. Arthur Wood; Bruce Howard, his son, Mr. Malcolm McMillan; Morris Duke, Bruce's friend, Mr. Frank Palmer; Larry Davis, criminal lawyer, Mr. Elmer Rollins; Mr. Blow, carpet cleaner, Rev. S. Delve; Mr. Beat, carpet cleaner, Mr. George Wood; Gale Howard, the governor's daughter, Mrs. George Wood; Alicia Howard, the governor's sister, Miss Phyllis Twiddy; Lessie Howard, the governor's wife, Mrs. Frank Palmer; Mrs. Jim Connor, a heartbroken mother, Mrs. Stanley Prest; Jennie, the maid, Miss Marjorie Prest.

The stage was nicely arranged and the scenes of all three acts took place in the living room of the governor's mansion. The play was full of humor and pathos and was well presented by the artists. The league executive served lunch to the cast at the close and the proceeds amounted to over twenty dollars.

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PETHERICKS

Miss Isobel Irwin is attending the short course in Campbellford this week sponsored by the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fry, of Niagara, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fry.

The snow plow made its first appearance on Saturday, Nov. 30th, on the county road, but the heavy snow storm on Saturday night almost completely tied up motor traffic. Services on Sunday at Zion were withdrawn on account of the snow.

Miss Helen Barnum, of Albert College, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barnum.

Mr. Lindsay Anderson is taking Mr. Thos. Rowe's place at the egg-grading station. Mr. Rowe, who has been ill for the past two weeks, is unable to attend to the business.

BONARLAW

The euchre and social evening sponsored by Group No. 3 of the Springbrook Women's Institute, and held on Friday evening of last week in the Orange Hall, Springbrook, was a real success, although owing to the weather the attendance was not as large as expected. Euchre, Chinese checkers, and bingo kept everyone busy and happy and an abundant lunch of sandwiches, steaming coffee and tarts of all descriptions satisfied the inner man. The prizes were won by Mr. Geo. E. Thompson and Mrs. Geo. Williams for euchre, and for Chinese checkers by Mrs. Hiram Mumby and Miss Della Cassidy.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Caldwell returned home on Friday last from Toronto where they have been visiting friends and relatives for several days.

Mr. Fred Seeney, a former resident of Bonarlaw, was in town for a few hours on Friday. He is shortly taking a position with the C.P.R. as operator in the Maritimes, and his family will reside in Marmora.

Mr. Glynn Eastwood left on Friday for Oshawa where he has secured a position.

Mr. Clarence McComb, of Toronto, spent the week-end with friends in this vicinity.

Miss Marion Richardson spent the week-end at Campbellford and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. R. McGee and Donna were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Barlow on Monday evening of this week.

A very interesting letter has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Mumby from their son, Mr. Ralph Mumby, District Manager of the D. K. McLaren Co., in charge of the Maritimes and Newfoundland, and located at St. John, N.B. Recently Ralph made a business trip to Newfoundland and states he travelled from one end to the other, a distance of 547 miles. What he saw to write home about was as follows, and is news to the average resident of Ontario.

All vehicles drive on the left side of the road as in England. Last year they voted whether this should be changed and decided in the negative as horses are now trained to turn left and it would take a generation of horses before this could be made right. The trains run very slowly, averaging about fifteen miles per hour only, and on a narrow gauge track which is very winding in places. The one large centre is St. John and it has a population about the same as St. John N.B. Many of the streets are paved, but few paved sidewalks and as a result many people walk on the roadway. There are good hotels. Blue berries are very plentiful.

Ralph describes a double funeral he saw. The hearses were each drawn by a single black horse and were open style. Only men mourners were in evidence and they walked behind the hearse regardless of the distance to the cemetery. Ralph liked the people of Newfoundland very much. He found them very sociable and friendly and states they enjoy having visitors.

MADOC JUNCTION

Many friends and relatives in this vicinity learned with regret of the sudden passing of Alfred Clarke, former C.N.R. agent, at his home in Aurora, Ont., on Saturday night. He had been in poor health for some time, suffering from a heart ailment. Mr. Clarke, or "Fred" as he was familiarly known, was born at Madoc Junction, the second son of Mr. George Clarke, and his wife, Hannah Eggleton. He is survived by his widow, the former Maida Mitchell, of Elmsdale, Ont.; a daughter, Vera, and a son, Joseph; one sister, Mrs. George Pidgeon, Stirling; two brothers, Arthur of Chicago, and Nathan at home. The funeral service was held in Aurora on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Nelson Stapley was rushed to Belleville Hospital via ambulance on Tuesday, where she underwent a critical operation. Latest reports state she is progressing favourably.

Mr. and Mrs. Embury Hough and Bobby, of Holloway, were tea hour guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Eggleton.

Mrs. Robert Lake, of Rawdon, is spending some time at Mr. Nelson Stapley's.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fitchett and Rosella, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Stapley and Mrs. Warren Harlow were Wednesday evening visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stapley.

The church service was cancelled on Sunday because of the blocked roads and the folks from here who had planned on attending the classes in Foxboro were disappointed for the same reason.

BETHEL

On Thursday evening last the Young People's League held their first meeting in the form of a weiner roast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shortt. Miss Elda McMullen, the president, opened the meeting with the singing of "Blest be the Tie that Binds", with Mrs. Walter Warren at the piano. Rev. J. E. Beckel led in prayer. Mr. B. C. Tucker gave a reading; Marjorie Brady read the Bible lesson; Mrs. D. Heath gave a reading and Mrs. Ray Shortt and Miss Elda McMullen staged two games. Following this all did ample justice to the weiners, buns and coffee. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the host and hostess. It was decided to hold this week's meeting on Wednesday owing to the High School Commencement.

Mrs. Warren Reid spent the week-end in Belleville with Mrs. Elmer Sandercock.

About twenty-five attended church on Sunday evening at Bethel. The Sunday School are planning for their Christmas concert.

Mrs. Harry Preston spent Thursday with Mrs. Will Preston.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Warren entertained on Tuesday night Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shortt, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Green and Mr. and Mrs. Lesile Thompson.

Miss Blanche Wright, of Campbellford was a recent caller at the home of Mrs. Harry Preston and Mrs. Walter Warren.

SPRINGBROOK

Mrs. Davis, of Belleville, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Thos Moore, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes of Oshawa, were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall McCoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Morgan, Shirley and Tommy, were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Don Donohoe, River Valley.

Mrs. Frank Runnells spent the week-end with Mr. Runnells in Toronto.

Mrs. Albert Bateman spent a few days with Mrs. Henry Green.

Rev. and Mrs. Harding and Joy were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Mumby.

The League held a social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Thompson, on Monday night. After the program, on behalf of the League members, Rev. and Mrs. Harding were presented with a beautiful Kenwood blanket, and Misses Dorothy and Joyce with books.

Week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Mumby were Messrs Harry Bateman, Peterboro; Gordon and Don Bateman, also Mr. Frank Spencer, of Mount Pleasant.

The heavy snow fall over the week-end caused a lot of bad roads in this district.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Morrow and Miss Myrtle McKeown, Peterboro, were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Reg. McKeown.

WELLMANS

Miss A. English, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Morton and Muriel, and Mr. Albert Finkle took tea on Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Treverton, Plainfield.

Miss Evelyn Todd, of Campbellford, Mrs. Russell Johnson and Mrs. Clarence Dunham, were recent guests of Mrs. E. Todd.

The W. A. held their annual cooking sale at Mr. R. B. Duffin's store on Saturday and realized the sum of thirteen dollars.

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- THE WEEKLY NEWS -

BY MURDIE McDONALD

Last week the president of the United Farmers' Co-operative, drew an accurate picture of the present plight of the Ontario farmer. Speaking to the shareholders, R. J. Scott sketched all the dismaying factors of war-time conditions that are making life for the man on the farm perplexing. He mentioned low prices, the depletion of farm labor the apparent policy of a government which concentrates attention on industrial progress, leaving the rural problems in abeyance.

But Mr. Scott grew bitter, appearing to be carried away by the dismal spectacle he was portraying. He pointed a finger at the prospect of more farm sales next year, went so far as to advise young men now on the farm to quit, unless they were prepared to fight as Canadian farmers had never fought before. The gentleman even hinted strongly of agricultural bankruptcy and peasantry if the country's policy were continued.

There will be some of us who will question the wisdom behind Mr. Scott's method of presenting the farmer's case. But none will object to the speech as a whole. Anyone who allows the pressing war problem of providing more planes and war equipment to cripple the structure of agriculture is off-balance. And there is no good reason to believe our Government will fall into that error. Hard-taxed as this nation is in meeting its war obligations, our representatives at Ottawa can hardly fail to recognize the absolute necessity of keeping farmers sure-footed against the day when these sons of the soil take their turn as Canada's first line of trade offensive.

There is one grave psychological mistake, however, that some members of the government at Ottawa are making at the present time. They know, of course, that the heart of Canada lies in the vast regions of farm land and smaller communities. It is here where citizens have their feet on the ground and breed the spirit of independence. It is here where the country develops its will to pay as it goes, its strong desire for individual freedom, its readiness to suffer privation if that be needed to further a common cause. In these places is found the bulwark against the crack-pot, get-rich-quick monetary reformers who evolve their ideas in an atmosphere of time payments, city luxuries — soft pillows which they want without working hard enough for them.

Ottawa knows all this, but sometimes appears to take it for granted. And the result is that too many Canadians in our rural areas are getting the false idea that they are lined up on one side while all officialdom is lined up against them.

One of the most constructive moves Premier King could make at this moment in the interests of a more united Canada would be to take an hour off from his heavy duties and address the farmers and small townsmen across the country, telling them just where they stand in the general effort for a war victory and the ultimate happiness of the country.

With Ontario as the principal producer of condensed milk in the Dominion, the increased demand from Great Britain would seem to imply that there will have to be an increase in milk production in this province or a shortage in the domestic supply of milk, cheese and butter will result. Experts state it is not possible to increase the number of producing cows in a year, but it is possible to increase the amount of milk the same number of cows can produce.

Britain now wants from Canada, in 1941, a million cases of condensed milk with 48 one-pound tins to a case — or nearly three times as much as asked for during the present year. The cheese agreement calls for a definite increase of 12,000,000 pounds. To meet these demands, winter production will have to increase considerably above peacetime levels.

In the opinion of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, if Canada desires to send bacon to Britain below a profitable price for the farmer, the country as a whole should share the loss — not the farmer alone. This body contends that the farmer is already bearing more than his share of the war effort, that steps should be taken to subsidize the hog producer, especially as even now the cost of producing hogs is still increasing.

K. M. Morrison, manager of the First Co-operative Packers of Ontario said last week that the lower price and the great demand might result in lowering the quality of the bacon and ruin the British market for Canadian hogs after the war.

The Eastern Jobbers' Association of Canadian fruit men have requested licensed importers to refrain from importing certain fruits and vegetables from the United States while domestic produce is on the market. In this way, they would not only be supporting home industry, but would be co-operating with the Government in conserving foreign exchange.

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NOTICE

Mr. Ted Reynolds, who has recovered from his recent illness, will sharpen skates and do shoe repairing as usual at F. N. McKee's. 16-2p

W. H. CHEESE COMPANY

The annual meeting of West Huntingdon Cheese and Butter Co. will be held in the Orange Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 17th, at one o'clock (S.T.) for the transaction of general business.

Morley Haggerty, Auditor — Geo. F. Cooke, President 16-2

ENTERPRISE CHEESE CO.

Annual Shareholders' Meeting of the Enterprise Cheese Co. will be held at the factory on Tuesday, Dec. 10th, at 1 o'clock for the transaction of general business.

16-1p B. C. Tucker, Pres.

STANWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brunton spent the tea hour on Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Petherick spent Saturday in Belleville.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Petherick called on Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dorie one night last week.

Miss Helen Aikens is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Robinson.

Miss Myrtle Redden of Havelock, spent the week-end at her home here.

The play on Tuesday evening was cancelled owing to the roads and bad weather.

The Sewing Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Jack Lain next week.

BORN

HAGGERTY — In Belleville General Hospital, on Saturday, Nov. 30th, to Mr. and Mrs. George Haggerty (nee Elsie Lain) a daughter.

DIED

CLARKE, Alfred — At Aurora on Saturday, Nov. 30, 1940, Alfred Clarke, beloved husband of Mary R. Mitchell, and dear father of Vera M., and Joseph G. Interment at King.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. Harry Dunkley wishes to thank his friends and neighbours for their many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy during the illness and death of his father. 16-1

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And truth in every lover's tongue,
These pretty pleasures might we yield
To live with thee and be thy love.

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ALLANS MILLS

Rev. Mr. Harding preached his farewell sermon in this vicinity on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Wellman and Pte. Dave Wellman spent Monday with friends in Peterboro.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Meiklejohn and Rev. and Mrs. Harding spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McKeown.

Mr. Bert Anderson has been engaged as cheesemaker for Maple Leaf factory for next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stiles spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. Les McKeown are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred McKeown.

Mr. Clarence Thomson, Peterboro, spent Sunday at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stiles, Mr. and Mrs. Les. McKeown and Don, spent Tuesday with friends in Peterboro.

HAROLD

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Runnalls were dinner guests on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McMullen.

Mrs. Bill Heath spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. McKeown.

Miss Cora Bailey, of Harmony, spent the week-end with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Bailey, Harold, Mrs. H. L. VanAllen, of Peterboro, spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Bailey, Stirling.

Mrs. Frank Runnalls spent the week end in Toronto.

Mrs. Emma McMullen returned home on Sunday after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Runnalls.

Mrs. H. L. VanAllen, of Peterboro, Mr. and Mrs. E. U. Carleton, Plainfield, Mrs. E. G. Bailey, Stirling, spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bailey.

Miss Bessie McMullen spent Sunday with Misses Evelyn and Cora Bailey.

Mrs. Frank Runnalls and Dorothy were guests of Mrs. Murney Fleming on Thursday last.

TRENT LEAGUE HAS FOUR TEAMS

Only four teams have so far been entered in the Trent Valley Hockey League, it was revealed at a reorganization meeting held Friday in Campbellford. Disappointed were delegates from Peterborough, Tweed, Marmora and Campbellford at prospects of perhaps only a five team league this year, and convinced that some additional teams might be drummed up in the next two weeks they decided to hold a second meeting after the 14th of December, the last day for filing entries. At present it looks as though teams from Tweed, Marmora, Peterboro and Campbellford will form the nucleus of the league, with Bata, Stirling, Madoc and Norwood out this year. This would mean dropping from a seven to a four-team league. There is some talk in Campbellford that "B" Company 1st Midland Regiment may enter a team in the league, making two entries from that town, but the feeling of some is that Campbellford is not large enough to support two teams. Election of officers resulted in Charles Davidson being named as president and W. A. Kingston, secretary.

Bylaw No. 470

A by-law to provide for taking a vote of the Municipal Electors under the Local Government Extension Act, 1940.

Whereas it is considered desirable and expedient to obtain the opinion of the Electors pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Local Government Extension Act, 1940,

Be it therefore enacted by the Council of The Municipality of the Village of Stirling as follows:

1. The votes of the duly qualified electors of the Corporation of the Village of Stirling shall be taken on the said question at the same time and at the same place as the annual election for the Municipal Council for the year 1941 and the Returning officer and Deputy Returning Officer appointed to hold the said Election shall take the vote.

2. On Friday preceding the first Monday of January, 1941, at ten o'clock in the forenoon the Head of the Council for the summing up of the Votes by the Clerk shall appoint one person to attend at each polling place on behalf of persons interested in voting in the affirmative on the said question and a like number on behalf of the persons interested in and voting in the negative on the said question.

3. That at the same time and place that he publicly declares the results of the Municipal Election of the Council for the year 1941, the Clerk shall publicly declare the results of the voting of the electors on the said question.

The form of ballot paper to be used in taking the said vote shall be as follows:

Note:

The Electors shall vote by making an "X" opposite either Yes or No, January 6th, 1941, voting upon the following question:

Are you in favour as a war-time measure under the Local Government Extension Act., 1940, of the Municipal Council elected for 1941 holding office for the term of two years?

Yes .....

No .....

5. That the procedure to be taken for such voting shall, with such variations as may be necessary, be the procedure prescribed for use in voting at Annual Municipal Elections and shall conform in all respects to section 280 of the Municipal Act.

6. This by-law shall come into force and take effect immediately from and after the final passing thereof.

Passed this 2nd day of December, 1940.

Certified to be a true copy, and if the assent of the Electors is favourable, the by-law will be taken into consideration by the Council after the expiration of one month from December 2nd, 1940, namely January 6th, 1941.

Wm. C. West, Reeve — Geo. H. Luery, Clerk

Notice of Annual Meeting

TAKE NOTICE that the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Harold Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held in the Town Hall, at Harold, Ontario, on Thursday, the 19th day of December, 1940, at the hour of 1.00 o'clock, in the afternoon, (Standard Time) for the following purposes:

(a) To receive and consider the Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts, and the Auditor's Report for the period ending the 1st day of December, 1940.
(b) To elect Directors.
(c) To appoint an Auditor for the ensuing year, and to fix the remuneration.
(d) To transact any business that may be transacted at an ordinary general meeting.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting a special general meeting of the shareholders of the Company will be held for the following purposes to pass a By-law if deemed advisable:

(a) Authorizing the Directors of the Company to acquire a suitable site for the erection of a Cheese and Butter Manufactory, and to erect thereon subject to the approval of the Department of Agriculture, Ontario, such a manufactory and further to acquire and have installed therein the necessary machinery, refrigeration and equipment therefor.
(b) To sell and dispose of the land owned by the Company upon which the present manufactory is erected being part of the West Half of Lot Number Eleven (11) in the Seventh Concession of the Township of Rawdon, containing one quarter of an acre of land more or less upon such terms and subject to such conditions as the Directors deem advisable.
(c) To sell or as far as possible utilize the machinery and equipment of the present manufactory in the new manufactory to be erected.
(d) To authorize the Directors to raise money by way of loan and to pledge, mortgage, charge or hypothecate the assets real and personal of the company to defray the cost of the erection of the new manufactory and the purchase of the equipment therefor.
(e) Upon completion of the purchase of a new site for the erection of the said manufactory and the erection thereof the general place of business of the company (and the Head Office thereof) shall be moved to that particular tract of land and premises so purchased by the company and upon which it erects its manufactory.

Dated this 2nd day of December, 1940.

W. H. Heath, Secretary — Geo. A. Bailey, President

STIRLING TEACHERS WERE AT TWEED

The staff of Tweed Consolidated School entertained the teachers of Madoc and Stirling Public Schools on Wednesday evening last. The teachers met at the Consolidated School where Principal S. H. Connor welcomed them. Following a brief discussion of common problems, a short musical program was given consisting of the following numbers: O Canada; Piano solo, Mr. Claire Morgan; solo, Mrs. S. H. Connor; chorus, "Carry On"; duet, Mrs. M. G. Dales, Mrs. S. H. Connor; solo, Miss G. Poynter, of Stirling Public School staff; piano solo, Mr. C. Morgan; God Save The King.

The teachers then repaired to the Household Science Room where they played progressive bridge. Mrs. Connor won the prize of a beautiful cup and saucer. Following lunch served by the lady teachers of Tweed staff, Mr. C. A. Wells, of Stirling, and Mr. Jas. Irwin, Madoc, moved a vote of thanks to the Tweed teachers for their hospitality. The next meeting will be held in Madoc Public School on the last Wednesday in January.

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CHAPTER XII

Synopsis

Audrey Swan, nicknamed "Cygie" is the daughter of a highly respected horse trainer whose farm adjoins the estate of Judge Castle. The Judge's only son, Jeffrey, has been Audrey's friend since childhood. He is educated to go into his father's law office in Parville, but marries Olive Cooper, who scoffs at the idea and refuses to live in the beautiful home given to them by Judge Cooper as a wedding present. Jeff's friend, Vic Quinn, in love with Audrey, who does not reciprocate, becomes the Judge's partner. Jeffrey, tired of idleness, gets a job with Olive's father. He starts as a subordinate, to be promoted on merit. Olive feels humiliated that he is not given an executive position. Audrey and Vic Quinn are invited to a party at Judge Castle's home.

Audrey laughed softly as she said: "I don't wonder Mr. Quinn. She's been a pretty constant bother to you, I'd say. But since you've been so uncomplaining about it all, Miss Swan is going to ask you to come in for a few minutes.

A few moments later they were standing at the sideboard. A little feeling of constraint came over them as they hesitated with their glasses poised. The atmosphere seemed hearged with a sudden change in their relationship. Victor felt it keenly. He knew that in some way they were closer than ever before. There was a gentleness in Audrey's eyes when she lifted them to his that gave him a new thrill of happiness. "Many happy returns, Vic."

"Thank you, Audrey. It's all been very beautful, but I'm afraid it's late." Audrey followed him into the hall without speaking.

Before saying good night, Victor paused for a last look at the slim white figure in the dim glow of the hall lamp. Never had Audrey appeared so beautiful in his eyes, so altogether desirable. "Tell me something," he demanded in a low impetuous tone, "have I . . I'm not slipping, am I?"

Audrey slowly shook her head. "No, Vic. You've been very sweet."

With a swift movement he caught her nearest hand and pressed it softly to his lips. As if unable to trust himself, he turned without a word and left her standing there.

He was whistling happily when he let himself in his own front door and was about to extinguish the lamp on the table when he caught sight of a bit of paper. A note, in his landlady's handwriting.

"Mr. Quinn,

"Dear sir, the long distance wants you. Even if it is late when you get in she says.

"Respectfully,

"Mrs. Caroline Asher."

In a few moments a familiar voice came to his ear. "That you, Vic? Hope I didn't get you out of bed."

"No. You caught me getting in. What's up? Anything amiss?"

"Plenty. Vic, I've got to see you, and under the circumstances I can't very well come down. Can you get up here by tomorrow evening? Or I'll meet you part way, if you'd rather."

"I was planning to come up in the next day or so. I can make it tomorrow. Where shall I find you?"

"Make it the bar of the Adams. About six. I'll be hanging around."

"Jeff, you're all right?"

"Sure. A trifle sloppy. Just another case of the well-known jam. Thanks a lot, old man. Be seein' you."

When Victor Quinn hurried into the Adams House bar he glanced apprehensively along the line of men at the mahogany. When Jeffrey called him he had sounded as if he might have been drinking, and by this time he might not be in shape for a satisfactory conference.

To Victor's relief, Jeffrey was impeccably dressed and apparently sober. He grinned cheerfully as his friend approached, but he looked haggard in spite of the attempt. "Saw you sizing up the bar flies," he laughed. "All ready to drag me out, weren't you? Sit down. Mighty glad to see you."

"Glad to see you," Victor returned, scanning his face closely. "You look as if you'd been working hard. What have you been doing with yourself?"

"Me?" Oh, I'm in the way of becoming a captain of industry. Been working for my daddy-in-law for quite same time. He turned out to be a very decent chap after he was convinced that I was done with the fleshpots and wanted to settle down I'm in the sales. Strange to say, I've been getting quite a kick out of it."

"That's great."

"Maybe. The old gentelman has a notion at the moment that it might be a fair idea to send me abroad for a change. There's an opening in the Brussels office and I can speak French well enough to argue for our product."

"That sounds fine. What does Mrs. Castle think? All set to go with you, I suppose."

"Not exactly. As a matter of fact, Vic, she isn't here for a time."

Victor felt his heart sink. Something wrong between Olive and Jeff. That accounted for his summons. "Do you care to tell me where she is?" he asked quietly.

"Reno. In residence."

There was a moment's silence, broken by Victor's sympathetic, "I'm sorry."

"But not surprised," Jeffrey finished bitterly. "I guess I asked for it. I won't contest, of course. And there you are."

"But I can't get it yet," Victor pondered. "I knew that Olive was very much averse to coming back to Parville. But I supposed she would be delighted to have her father take you in."

"That's the whole point, Vic. The vice-presidents' jobs were all taken and I elected to start in and learn the business. I couldn't see my way clear to take every other afternoon off and play around all night. Anyway, matters kept getting worse and worse until the big bust came. I could have bought salvation any time by turning gigolo or something. And I couldn't."

"Naturally not. May I ask what Mr. Harrison thinks?"

"Oh, he took my side right from the start. He wants me to stay on as if nothing happened. That Brussels idea was sort of an easy out for me. But I can't see it, of course."

"Why?"

"Oh, maybe there is no good excuse. But I can't quite down it for some reason or other."

The waiter arrived at that point and the subject had to be dropped for the time being. The two men ate in silence until Victor remarked in a casual fashion. "Had a very pleasant time last evening at your house."

"How are the folks?"

"Your mother didn't look so well, Jeff. I knew that she had rather a difficult winter of it, but she insists she's much better."

"Listen, fella." Jeffrey laid down his knife and fork and looked steadily into his friend's eyes. "I know what you're leading up to and you may as well understand now that there's nothing doing. Don't get the idea that I don't know what I've done to my people. You'll never know what I've paid for that, or how I dreamed of making it up to them by becoming a success at something. And now that's all washed up along with everything else."

"Listen, Jeff. You belong there. I don't. Oh, I know you'de getting ready to spring that one about not knowing any law. All that job takes is a little horse sense, no professional wizardry. What's more, Miss Annie seems to be getting well. It wouldn't surprise me much to see her back looking for her old job. It would be a cinch for you. I don't want to seem to be going soft, Jeff, but I can't help thinking of your father and mother. You've no idea what it would do to them . . for them, I mean. Think it over."

"Not necessary, old man. It's decent of you. Just what I would expect. But that's out. No matter what you do. For the present, I'm staying away from Parville. After it all blows over, that will be something else. I have no plans. But, believe it or not, this experience with Harrison's has given me a lot of confidence in myself."

"Look here, Jeff, we seem to have the cards mostly face up. Why did you call me last night? Did you merely want to spill? Or are you willing to have me help you if I can?"

"Guess it was partly habit, Vic. I was beginning to feel pretty ragged and I thought maybe you could brace up the old morale a bit. You have."

"What about your father getting in on this?"

"I don't know. I've never told anybody about our last session. He prectically threw me out, even if it was done with a fine gesture."

"Let me tell your father. He's going to find out sooner or later. I believe it will give him a big lift."

Jeffrey drained the last of his ale and sat staring in deep preoccupation at the empty glass.

"On one condition," was the final judgment. "Exactly one, Vic."

"Say on."

"That you don't pull any fine gesture on your own account . . about easing out of the picture and that rot."

"Maybe he'll ease me out."

"Hardly. You can make it plain that I'm not coming home to stay, now or in the future. I should like to feel free to visit, on my mother's account, you know. And in your diplomatic fashion, you might drop a gentle hint that the first move is up to him."

"OK."

"I have your word for it?"

"My word of honour."

Victor had attended to the one errand he had in the city and daylight found him on the road to Parville. He stopped enroute for a hasty breakfast and was in the office five minutes after Judge Castle arrived.

He walked into the latter's room, closed the door after him and plunged into a situation that he had been attempting to rehearse as he drove. "Good morning, Judge. I have some information that I believe I should share with you. I have just driven down from the city after spending an evening with Jeffrey."

The Judge tugged off his spectacles and frowned. "Well?" he demanded harshly.

"Jeffrey looks fine . . been working hard. He is with the Harrison office and by all accounts is doing well."

"Humph! And did he ask you to submit that report?"

"He did not ask me to tell you anything. Not even that Mrs. Castle is residing in Reno at the present time."

The Judge sat back weakly in his chair. "Good God!" he ejaculated. "She's divorcing him! When will he be here?"

"He's not coming back, sir. Made it very plain. In fact, he's talking about going abroad. But you will be able to find him at the office or at Mr. Harrison's house. He's still staying there."

Judge Castle fumbled his massive watch from his waistcoat pocket. "I can make the nine-forty. Quinn, will you phone Mrs. Castle that I have been called away? She will hear from me this evening."

* * *

Victor Quinn put in a disquieting two days during Judge Castle's absence unable to overcome a vague foreboding that made him as restless as a caged animal. This last turn of affairs might affect his future almost as much as Jeffrey's.

It was a queer thing. His affection for Jeffrey was genuine; he believed that he had proved it. Jeff had said that he would not return to Parville under any circumstances, but that was before he had seen his father. By this time the Castles would have had their encounter. The Judge would bring great pressure to bear on Jeffrey in order to induce that young man to come back. He just might succeed. And then what?

The answer seemed rather obvious. Of course Jeff would be taken into the firm. He should be. But the practice would not warrant the addition and both young men would be subsisting on Judge Castle's charity to some extent. In time it would be apparent that Victor was the odd man in the combination.

(To be concluded)

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Static By The Editor

No Time To Read

A detachment of Highlanders arrived in camp and the sentry reported to the Sergeant-Major: "Excuse me, sir, but the pipers have come."

The R.S.M. looked up from his desk and snorted: "Don't you know there's a war on? I aven't time to read 'em now"

Absolutely Necessary

Members of the Naval Board were examining young applicants for appointment as probationary midshipmen.

"Well," said an old Admiral to one of the youths, "what must an officer be before he can have a funeral with full naval honors?"

"Dead," answered the boy.

Not Lost

Tommy went home one day with a nice new golf ball.

"Look at the lovely ball I've found on the links," he said.

"But are you sure, Tommy," asked his father, "that it was a lost ball, really?"

"Oh, yes," said the boy. "I saw a man and his caddy looking for it!"

Well Away

Judge: "How do you know tihs man was drunk last night?"

Constable: "Well, I found him in the club hallway with a can, watering the flowers on the linoleum."

Deserted

Officer: "I say, Sergeant, where have all these silly asses in our company gone?"

Sergeant: "I don't know sir—I think we're the only two left."

A New One

Hospital Nurse: "You say financial difficulties brought you here?"

Patient: "Yes, I saw my tailor coming, crossed the road to avoid him and halfway across I saw another creditor on the other side. I did not know what to do, hesitated and went under a car."

Pease Tell

Magistrate: "Your wife says you have her terrorized."

Prisioner: "Honestly, sir —"

Magistrate: "I do not ask you this in my official capacity, but as man to man, do you understand?"

Prisoner: "Yes, your worship."

Magistrate: "What's your secret?"

Just So

The old shepherd's daughter was going to marry a town-dweller. Wishing to make her father look smart when he gave her away at the altar she got him to agree to wear a hat. The shepherd went into a store:

Clerk —"What size, please?"

Shepherd—"I don't know."

Clerk—"We'll try a six and a half first."

Shepherd—"Six and a half be hanged. I wear a 16-collar, and I know my head is bigger than my neck."

IVANHOE W.M.S.

Mrs. Joseph Rollins entertained the Ivanhoe W.M.S. for their November meeting. During the morning a beautiful autographed quilt made in the form of an open book was quilted. At noon the hostess served a delicious pot luck dinner. The afternoon meeting in charge of the President, Mrs. F. Palmer, was opened with the National Anthem. Mrs. Arthur Wood led in prayer. During the business plans were made for the bazaar to be held early in December. Votes of thanks were extended to those who helped in the making and working of the autographed quilt.

The election of officers for the year 1941 conducted by Rev. Mr. Delve resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. F. Palmer; 1st vice-president, Mrs. S. Twiddy; secretary, Mrs. Charles Mitz; treasurer, Mrs. A. Wood; organist, Mrs. Donald Fleming; stewardship secretary, Mrs. Wickens; corresponding secretary, Miss C. Prest; strangers' secretary, Mrs. Clifford Mitz, Mrs. Harold Reid; mite box secretary, Miss C. Prest; temperance secretary, Miss P. Twiddy; Missionary Monthly Secretary, Mrs. Tomlison; supply secretary, Mrs. F. Reid; associate helpers' secretary, Mrs. S. Twiddy; baby band secretary, Mrs. Clifford Mitz; assistant, Mrs. Tomlison; press secretary, Miss Phyllis Twiddy; assistant, Miss Marjorie Prest; Mission Band leadership, Mrs. Stanley Prest, Mrs. Geo. Wood; group leaders, Mrs. Sam Kilpatrick, Mrs. S. Twiddy Miss C. Prest, Mrs. A. Hagerman; Watch Tower, Mrs. Lovibond; Peace secretary, Mrs. Cooney, Mrs. J. Rollins.

The mizpah benediction closed the meeting. Proceeds of the day were dinner $4.00, collection 57c, and thankoffering $3.10.

RECUPERATING

Flying Officer Chas. C. Moran, who has been a patient in the R.C.A.F. Military Hospital, Trenton, for the past two months, is to be congratulated on his complete recovery from injuries received when he parachuted from his disabled aircraft near Brighton, Ont., on September 21st.

F/O Moran has been granted one month's sick leave after which he will return to his regular duties in the R.C.A.F.—Trenton Courier-Advocate.

Flying Officer Moran is well known in this district, having taught school at West Huntingdon for some time prior to joining the Air Force, and his many friends will be glad to hear of his recovery.

A full line of Personal Greeting Cards, All Prices, at the News-Argus.

British Railways National Job

(By A Special Correspondent)

Transport of troops, of war material, and of industrial freight makes enormous demands on lines, rolling-stock, man power and organization. Plans have to be made, abandoned, changed and put into operation at almost no notice.

Railway working in many of its aspects is complicated by the black-out and other security measures.

Finally, enemy bombs not only make railway work a hazardous front-line duty, but they sometimes cause damaged lines that must be repaired as rapidly as possible, often under difficult and dangerous conditions.

Planning New Routes

Day and night the operating staffs of the main line railways and London Transport are ready to arrange emergency services by railway, road and river steamers to carry the public to and from their work, and they usually have the emergency services working in a remarkably short time.

Railway engineering staffs who are always on the alert for instant action in the event of damage to lines, the speed with which the repair squads get to the scene after a bomb explodes, and the rapidity with which they complete the repairs, are almost incredible to people who do not know the meticulous organization that lies behind the rush work.

Amongst the jobs which have to be tackled are these—putting out fires caused by bombing, clearing great quantities of debris from the lines; filling up bomb-craters and relaying the tracks; installing emergency signalling systems pending the repair of the permanent installations; repairing damaged electric cables; inspecting arches of bridges and tunnels, and overcoming the problem of unexploded bombs on the line.

Here are a few instances showing how efficiently these jobs are done.

Four bombs fell on a suburban line at 1.30 p.m. blocking three lines. By 3.15 p.m. two lines had been opened for traffic.

At a terminal station bombs killed the driver of a train and seriously injured two firemen, damaged the station roof and platforms, and put the signalling system out of operation. Regardless of this, the trains were still kept running.

Rapid Repairs

A complicated junction near a large station was bombed at 4.00 p.m., but before 6.30 p.m. the whole of the lines, points and signalling had been examined and repairs were made in time to cope with the bulk of the evening business traffic.

In less than two hours repairs had been carried out, a damaged empty train had been removed, and early morning passengers were passing through the station.

An incendiary bomb recently hit a suburban train, setting it on fire. The guard's log read "train fired by enemy bomb, fire extinguished en route, passengers behaved splendidly, little delay."

A dozen bombs dropped on a station in the eastern suburbs one evening Platform walls were damaged, the track lifted and rails bent, and there were bomb craters in various places. A train ran into the debris, thereby blocking two of the four sets of metals through the station.

Less than twenty hours later the debris had been removed, the derailed train withdrawn, the platform walls and track repaired, the latter work requiring six new rails, and both lines were reopened to traffic in time for the evening rush hour.

Business people who had seen the damage when travelling through the station over one of the undamaged sets of metals in the morning, were astonished to find on their return journey in the evening that their train passed over the place where the damage had occurred.

Work Despite Danger

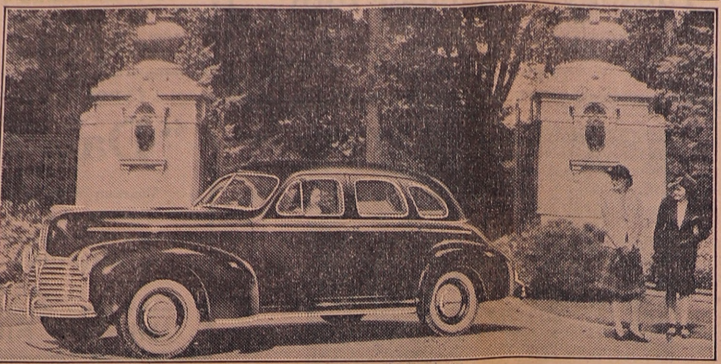
One evening recently an unexploded bomb fell a short distance from a main-line signal box. Train services were temporarily suspended while military experts made an inspection. They were of the opinion that the bomb was of a type that could not be disposed of immediately.

But the railway didn't wait for the bomb to be taken away before restoring the service. Someone at once suggested that a screen of wagons placed on the up line would make possible single-line working on the down line. This was done: thirty high-sided wagons loaded with coal were shunted on to the up line.

Volunteers were then called for to work freight traffic past the danger spot. The traffic and locomotive running staffs volunteered to a man. The crews of down trains from London showed the same spirit They refused to leave their trains, although volunteer relief drivers were ready to take over for the dangerous section of the run.

As a result of the courage shown by these railwaymen, twenty-four important freight, newspaper and fish trains were worked past the danger spot before the bomb was removed, when ordinary train services were restored.

THE NEW 1941 PONTIAC



All styled in the Torpedo manner, Pontiac for 1941 offers five series of cars — the Fleetleader Standard, the Fleetleader Special, the De Luxe Six and Eight, and the Streamliner Eight. The new models are graceful and arresting in appearance, longer in wheelbase and designed to provide outstanding all-round performance. Shown above is the striking new low priced Fleetleader 4-door sedan.

THE NEW 1941 PONTIAC

Continuing its pioneering in the field of aero-dynamic styling, Pontiac for 1941 has adopted the Torpedo type of body for its entire range of cars.

Five distinct price groups are covered by the daringly designed cars, which are offered in the low-priced Fleetleader, the Fleetleader Special, and the De Luxe Six, De Luxe Eight and the Streamliner Eight. All are replete with mechanical advancements achieving increased power, comfort and safety, and all are powered by the celebrated Pontiac L head engine.

In the lowest price class, the Fleetleader and the Fleetleader special are offered on a 116-inch wheel base. Then come the De Luxe Six and the De Luxe Eight on a 119-inch wheelbase, and the Streamliner Eight with a 122-inch wheel base. Overall length of these are respectively 198 inches, 201½ inches, and 207½ inches.

Although radiators, hoods, fenders, other sheet metal parts and the Fisher bodies have been restyled to glorify further the Torpedo design, P tiac for the seventh consecutive ye retains its wellknown Silver Streak a basic style theme.

Sparkling chrome is generously ed from radiator to rear bumper, wh wide, massive horizontal chrome r iator grilles extend from headlamp headlamp, and the heavy duty bu ers are built solidly into the body. tween the front bumper guards i built-in space for the license pla Scarcely visible in the daytime, parking lights are ingeniously loca so that they blend into the broad r iator grille beside the headlamps. T new models also feature concealed built-in running boards which are vi ible only when the doors are open.

An inspection of the interiors the Fleetleader and De Luxe Serie shows that the front seat width ha been increased 2½ inches over th 1940 dimensions, and now measur 57½ inches, while in the Streamlin Series the front seat is 60 inches wid providing ample space for three pas engers. At the same time, a furthe widening of the rear seats has bee achieved by widening the rear trea

In order that the driver may hav an unobstructed view of the dial clus ter through the new safety steerin wheel, Pontiac designers have give special attention to the instrumen panel. A three-spoke type of stee ing wheel is featured on the Flee leader Series, an inverted V type o the Fleetleader Special Series and th two-spoke type on the De Luxe an Streamliner Series. Other outstan ing features include a variable instr ment panel light controlled by switch located at the right of th speedometer; a safety hood lo which operates from a control ju below the instrument panel to th left of the steering column, and rolled lower edge of the dash whic contributes to greater rigidity.

A noteworthy new convenience and safety feature on the De Luxe and Streamliner Series is the automatic lighting of the car interior. Upon the opening of either front door, a switch which is located on the rear edge of the door pillars operates automatically to turn on the dome light. On the Fleetleader Special the switch is on the left front door.

Torpedo styling combined with larger windshields and narrower corner posts contribute to increased vision. On the Fleetleader and De Luxe Series the windshield area has ben increased by more than 90 square inches over last year's corresponding Series, while the total glass area on the Streamliner models has also been increased considerably. Complete protection from sun glare is provided by the new type of adjustable sun visors which can be tilted up and down or pivoted from side to side. At the same time, they can be moved sideways to fill the centre space around the rear view mirror. For the convenience of front seat passengers, a new disappearing ash receiver, consisting of a sliding tray, is located directly below the radio grille.

All the new Pontiac models feature spacious and readily accessible luggage compartments. The spare tire is mounted in the fore-and-aft position along the right side in all sedan models, while the coupe and sedan coupe models have a shelf above the entire trunk floor, the tire being located under the shelf. Rubber pads are used to protect the fenders from flying stones.

Included among a host of engineering improv... rather than at the bottom. Tests have revealed that this construction is capable of withstanding 30 per cent more punishment than that of other piston pins. Also introduced this year are new aluminum bronze piston pin bushings, which are less affected by the acid tendency of some oils than are ordinary bronze bushings. Improvements have been made in the hydraulic service brakes and the mechanical emergency brake. New brake drums and new brake linings are also featured, while the new moulded lining, according to engineers, will "fade" less as the brakes become heated through continuous service.

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Cecil Macklin addressed C cil regarding the securing of a g for the Christmas Tree Club.

Moved by C. B. Rollins, secon by Gil. Thompson that the Christ Tree Club be given the usual gr of $25 and the children be giv free show on the afternoon of De ber 14th.

The matter of the removal of snow from the business sectio the village was discussed at s length by Council, but was left abeyance until the next meeting.

Treasurer R. A. Patterson repor that there were still a number of owners who had failed to pay the t Council decided to take immedia action for collecting the same.

A request from Walter T. Elliott permission to connect a drainage pi to the Village drain running to Ra don Creek was granted on motion Councillors C. B. Rollins and F. Sta ley.

Reeve West reported that he had r ceived complaints from residents th a drain crossing Front St. W., provincial highway, was plugged; als that the operator of the Governme

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Celebrates Anniversary

There was an enjoyable time spen on Saturday, Nov. 30th, at the hom of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Bailey, whe Mr. Andrew Kirk was guest of hon our at a Birthy party on the occasio of his 86th birthday.

Mr. Kirk received many birthday greetings, personal and by card, and his birthday was broadcast over radio station CFRB.

His four daughters were present on this occasion, namely Mrs. E. G Bailey, Stirling; Mrs. E. W. Carleton Plainfield; Mrs. H. L. VanAllen, Pet erboro, and Mrs. Geo. A. Bailey, Har old; also his granddaughter, Miss Cora Bailey, Harmony.

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Secret Lost

"Why so sad?" asked Robinson.

"Said something to my wife and she wouldn't speak to me for a week," said Jobson, dolefully.

"That's too bad, old man. When did that happen?"

"'Bout a month ago."

"Well, why so sad now?"

"Forgotten what I said."

The Story of Dunkirk Is Told

Sub-Lieut. R. W. Timbrell, R.C.N., D.S.C., of Vancouver, one of the survivors of the H.M.C.S. Marrgaree, has already had more than his fair share of excitement during his naval career. His exploits during evacuation operations at Dunkerque won him the Distinguished Service Cross.

Not content merely with accepting a limited responsibility, the young Canadian showed great courage and initiative in salvaging and manning stranded craft and tripling the number of men he would ordinarily have been able to evacuate.

This work was, of course, done under the terrific bombing and shelling conditions with which the world is familiar and which made the whole operation one of the war epics of all time.

Timbrell has since recorded his exploit as if it were naval routine:

"The first night I went out I was in command of a 90-ton yacht," he related. "We went over to Dunkerque and anchored as close to shore as we could get—which was pretty close. A bomb dropped so close to the ship that the vessel gave a terrific lurch, breaking her cables. We drifted in to shore and found ourselves stranded.

"There was a wait of six hours before the tide would come in and float us free," he continued. "I could see near by two yachts that had been beached and abandoned. I figured I could salvage them and divide my crew to man them. I undertook to do this, and with the invaluable help of my men, I was able to get the yachts manned so that when the tide came in they were useful ships. There was quite a bit of bombing, but fortunately there were no casualties among my men or the three yachts.

Through his initiative this night Timbrell was responsible for the evacuation of about 200 men.

"The second night across I found there were a couple more stranded yacht-type vessels," Timbrell went on. "Once again we were able, when the tide came in, to refloat and man these vessels. There was stil la lot of bombing but it was at night and once more we fortunately were able to get

"We found we frequently were attacked by German U-boats. They would swoop in to about 25 yards and sweep us with machine-gun fire. We had a few of the army's Bren guns on our ship, and in every case we were able to drive the U-boats off—and we did not have a single casualty as a result of U-boat fire. The second night we brought out approximately 200 men in the three vessels.

"The third night was the final night of the evacuation. They put me in command of three yachts going over," said the young sub-lieutenant. "On the way over one become unseaworthy and we had to sink it—after, of course we had taken off the crew. We got over to Dunkerque and it was a pretty frightful piece of business. The bombing was bad and the shelling, too, was terrific. However, we were able to get away with about 275 men this night. On the return trip a trawler ahead of me was sunk by a magnetic mine . . . we picked up two of the crew of fifteen—all we saw." —The Canadian Veteran.

ONE-WAY FARE FOR CHRISTMAS LEAVE

All ranks of the C.A.S.F. proceeding on leave during Christmas or New Year's will be able to secure a return ticket to their destination at the cost of one-way fare. The duration of the leave will be six days and no more than 50 per cent of the strength of any unit, in any rank, will be permitted to be away at one time. The Defence Department expressly stipulates that whether leave can be granted will depend in all cases on the nature of the service being undertaken by the man concerned, the necessity of having certain types of training completed speedily, and the importance of the service from the point of view of the defence of Canada and of war conditions generally.

The Department adds:

"The guiding factor in the consideration of leave privileges to men on Active Service must be the defence and safety of the country and the obligations we are under by virtue of our war commitments. These have been duly weighed and fully discussed and their influence is to be observed in the decision now communicated.

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Local Happenings

Mrs. J. S. Whitehead spent Friday in Campbellford, visiting her mother, Mrs. Andrew Hay.

Miss Anna Mutton, of Brighton, spent the week-end with her friend, Miss Lenora Bateman, of Springbrook.

Mrs. Norman Rudolph returned home to Detroit on Friday after spending two weeks with her sisters, Mrs. P. W. Long and Miss Marcella Fowler.

Sgt. E. J. Dainard, of Camp Borden, spent a few days this week at his home here.

Miss Lillian Macgillivray, of Toronto, was a week-end guest of Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Carleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Lovell and Jackie were in Toronto on Friday last attending the funeral of the former's cousin, Ruth Mary Mills.

Pte. Fred Dainard of Centre Lake Camp, spent the week-end at his home here.

ENTERTAINS VISITORS

On Monday evening, Dec. 2nd, St. John's A.Y.P.A. held a social evening, at which they welcomed members of St. George's, Trenton, and Trinity, Frankford. About seventy members were present and enjoyed a happy evening of singing, games and contests. Mr. Stanley Fletcher, of Trinity, Frankford, gave several selections on his piano-accordian and was heartily applauded. Refreshments and the National Anthem brought the evening to a close.

COUNCIL RETURNED

Elections in Marmora village and in Marmora and Lake Township on Monday failed to produce the slightest change. The reeves and councils of these municipalities for the past year will now serve for a further term — this time for two years.

ENTERTAINED TEAM

Earl Fox, District Deputy Grand Patriarch of Encampment District No. 20, was host to members of his installation team at a goose dinner at his residence, Emily St., on Monday evening. Following a sumptuous meal cards were enjoyed for the remainder of the evening. Those present as guests were Messrs Roy Walker, Alex Park, Chas. Carter, A. Vandervoort, H. E. Hulin, W. H. Patterson, Thos. Spry, E. Carlisle and J. B. Thompson.

ADDRESSED CONVENTION AT BELLEVILLE

Hastings County is one of the most important dairy producing counties in Ontario, with 42,000 cows in the county, according to H. L. Fair, agricultural representative for Hastings County, who addressed the Convention of the Central Ontario Cheesemakers at Belleville, on Tuesday.

"Hastings County is doing its share in supplying dairy food for Great Britain," he said. "Cheese factories in this county have made more than one-half million pounds of cheese this year, in addition to the manufacture of 3,250,000 pounds of butter."

"The increased demand for whole milk by the various airports in the district will undoubtedly mean a decrease in the amount of milk taken to the cheese factory next year," said Mr. Fair. "There are about 20,000 cows contributing to the cheese industry in the county this year, with an average production of 4,000 pounds per cow. This production can be increased by the use of better cattle."

ST. PAUL'S Y. P. U.

St. Paul's Young People's Union met as usual on Monday evening in the church parlors with a splendid attendance. The meeting opened with the playing of soft music by Miss Margaret Atkinson, A.T.C.M. Don Tucker was in charge of the meeting, which opened with the singing of a hymn. Scripture lesson, taken from the fifth chapter of St. Luke, was read by Miss Edith Cranston, after which M. Tucker gave a splendid synopsis of the reading taken from the Pathfinder and closing same with a prayer. The topic of the evening, and an outstanding feature, was a paper entitled "Playing the Game", prepared by Mrs. R. A. Patterson and read by Miss Perla Pidgeon. This timely talk was enjoyed by all present. With the singing of another hymn the Benediction concluded this part of the evening. Rev. A. M. Laverty conducted series of games which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Embury, Frankford, wish to announce the marriage of their third daughter, Ruth Pearl, to Gerald Pyear, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Pyear, Stirling. Marriage to take place on Saturday, Dec. 7th.

ALFRED CLARKE

Word was received by friends here of the death of a former resident of this district in the person of Alfred Clarke, which occurred suddenly at his home in Aurora, Ont., on Sunday. The late Mr. Clarke was born at Madoc Junction, where he spent his early days. He learned telegraphy at the Madoc Junction station and was employed by the C.N. Railways for two years ago, when he retired owing to ill health.

He leaves to mourn, besides his sorrowing widow, one son, Joseph Clarke; a daughter, Vera M. Clarke; a sister, Mrs. Pidgeon, of Stirling, and two brothers, Nathan Clarke, of Madoc Junction, and Arthur Clarke, of Chicago.

The funeral was held on Tuesday at Aurora, Ont., with interment in King cemetery.

GIRL GUIDES

The regular meeting of the 1st Stirling Company of Girl Guides was held on Tuesday evening at the Community Hall. The Court of Honour was in session most of the evening. While the Court of Honour was being held the rest of the Guides tied Second Class Knots and the meaning of the Guide Law. A vote of thanks is extended to Mr. T. McNeil, who kindly painted the can which has been placed in front of Whitehead's store for tinfoil, and another vote of thanks to Mr. E. G. Bailey, who donated the can. The patrols were formed and attendance marked. After forming the horseshoe, the Guides sang the National Anthem and with "Taps" the meeting was dismissed.

Next week's meeting will take the form of a Christmas party and will be held at the High School.

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WILL VOTE ON NEW TERM

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snow plow had repeatedly shoved the snow from the highway onto the sidewalks, after they had once been shovelled. Clerk Luery was instructed to write the District Engineer of the Department of Highways, with reference to these complaints.

Reeve West also stated that a request had been received from farmers on the town line asking that snow fence be erected on the north side of the road running between Claude Tucker's and the Fair Ground Corner, to assist in keeping the road open for motor traffic. No action was taken owing to no allowance in the estimates for such an expenditure.

The question of having a railing erected on the steps leading from the theatre lobby to the Community Hall, and a fan installed in the Community Hall for ventilation purposes, were next introduced by the Reeve. The Property Committee was authorized to have the railing installed, while the matter of the installation of the fan will be investigated further.

The following accounts were presented for payment:

H. C. Martin, Ins.	46.05
J. E. O'Donnell, Ct. Attdce.	24.00
Stirling Motor Sales	9.70
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Members. Mitchell, Mem. Park	35.00
examining Bradshaw, Fire Dept.	16.38
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of the yo H. Williams, Fire Dept.	30.00
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William Bowen	32.55
Not Lost n Bowen	2.45
Tomm A. Luery	24.00

On motion of Councillors Thompson and Bailey Council went into committee on By-laws for first reading and By-laws to provide for taking a vote under Local Government Extension Act, on the question of the two-year term, and to designate certain streets as approved streets under the county road system were given first reading by Clerk Geo. Luery.

Moved by Councillors Rollins and Thompson that Council go into Committee of the whole on by-laws with Councillor Bailey as chairman.

Moved by Wm. C. West, seconded by G. Thompson that by-laws be passed as read.

The following streets were designated as approved streets under the by-law: Charlotte, Church, Edward, Emily and Front St. W., from Campbellford Corner to the westerly limits of the village.

On motion of Reeve West and Councillor Stapley the by-laws were given final reading, signed, sealed and numbered 470 and 471 respectively, and Council resumed business.

It was moved by Councillors G. Thompson and E. G. Bailey that the usual advertisement for the Christmas parade be inserted in the News-Argus.

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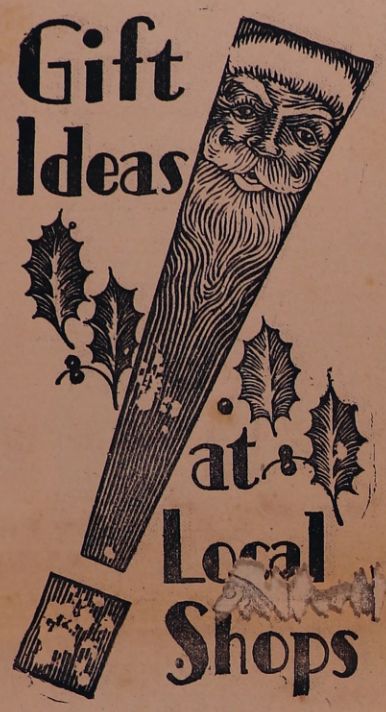

at Local Shops

Once more Christmas is with us. And once again the residents of Stirling and Vicinity are faced with the problem of Christmas Shopping. Every member of the family expects that Santa Claus will make his annual appearance. From the youngest to the oldest, there is a feeling of joy and expectancy. Santa Claus, or no Santa Claus, the spirit of Christmas must be upheld.

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To this end Stirling Merchants are putting forth a united effort to make the Christmas Shopping Season an easier and more enjoyable one. They are working in unison and the local stores are attractively decorated, windows are being very gaily lighted and literally shine forth with news that within are items attractively priced for Christmas buyers. Shelves are stacked high with all those articles of wearing and household necessity which anyone could desire. By the appearance of the various stocks, Prosperity is no longer "just around the corner", but is with us once again, and buyers will be making shopping tours through the various Stirling Stores.

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Therefore, we have enlarged this week's issue so that the Merchants may give you some idea of the splendid stocks they carry, and just how easy it will be for you to procure all your needs for the Christmas Season, right here in Stirling. You'll find no better articles, no bigger selection, no more courteous service, and above all, no lower prices for Quality Merchandise, than can be found right here.

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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES HELD

ATTENDANCE NOT QUITE AS LARGE AS IN FORMER YEARS — DUE TO BAD SIDE-ROADS

Owing to the impassable condition of many of the sideroads in this district, due to drifted snow, the attendance at the Stirling High School Commencement Exercises was not as large as in former years, but well over four hundred were at the Stirling Community Hall on Thursday evening of last week for the occasion. Principal J. L. Good reviewed the work of the past year and was received with keen interest by those in attendance. Mr. Good acted as chairman, while Mr. Ewart Bailey, chairman of the Board of Education, assisted in the presentation of the awards to the successful students.

In his valedictory address, Morley Clarke, winner of the first Carter Scholarship for the County of Hastings $100) and the Hon. J. R. Cooke Scholarship ($50) displayed the brilliance in study which had carried him to such heights in academic training. He paid tribute to all in former years who had been so honoured, Ralph Campbell, John Chard, Wendel Thompson and to his fellow student, Garland McKeown, who this year shared the scholarship for the County and also the Dickson scholarship, Toronto University, where he is now continuing his studies. These students, as well as those now attending, knew the real value of the teaching staff, who under Principal J. L. Good, and with the co-operation of the Board of Education, are responsible for the fine showing made by the pupils, both in their splendid tuition and the fine equipment supplied.

The long list of awards rpesented to the pupils on the stage by Mr. Bailey were appropriately given with the twofold purpose of rewarding the students for their efforts in study and aid in the war effort by having most awards in the form of War Savings Stamps.

Scholarships donated by the Literary Society for the highest average in their respective grades ($5.00 each) were: Grade XII, Norma Detlor; Grade XI., Perla Pidgeon; Grade X., Edna Bastedo; Grade IX, (a) Marion Rose; Grade IX. (b), Mary Lanigan.

Awards for proficiency in respective subjects: Grades XIII., Alger Shield, Morley Clarke; Grade XII., Morton Reid, Norma Detlor; Grade XI., Bastedo, Shield, Perla Pidgeon; Grade X., Wright Shield, Edna Farrell; Grade IX., Dunn Shield, Mary Lanigan and Marion Rose.

Prizes for the best two students writing the High School entrance examination from Stirling Public School: $2.50, donated by the [illegible] by Betty [illegible]0, donated by Eddie Eggleton.

Other Prizes

Grade XII., Agriculture II., Edison Sine; Grade XI., Agriculture I., Phyllis Vance; Grade XI., Algebra, Clarke Pidgeon; Grade XII., Ancient History, Billy McGee; Grade XI., Canadian History, Dorothy Pidgeon; Grade XI., English, Betty Finkle; Grade XII., French, Marion Symons; Grade XII., Geometry, Edith Cranston; Grade [illegible], Latin, Lillian Matthews; Grade X., Mathematics, Russell Sills; Grade IX., British History, George [illegible]d; Grade IX., Agricutlure I., Douglas Patterson; Grade X., English, Malcolm Richardson; Grade X., French, Eileen Tanner; Grade IX. Mathematics, Robt. Bateman; Grade X. Agriculture, Gordon Reid; Grade IX., Shop, Douglas Stocker; Grade IX., Home Economics, Marjorie Bush; Grade IX., English, Donald Barton; Grade X., Shop, Bert Bastedo; Grade X., Latin, Jean Salisbury.

Honour Rugby Team

An interesting item on the program was the introduction of the rugby team, champions of Central Hastings High School League for 1940. The team, along with their coach were presented with tokens, appearing as follows: Captain, Bill McGee; Bert Bastedo, F. Eggleton, Don Francis, Don Hulin, Don McIntosh, Norman Murray, Douglas Patterson, Clarke Pidgeon, Russell Pyear, Edison Sine, Ray Tanner, Jack Thompson, Ralph Vandervoort, Rowan Walker, E. R. Mundy, coach.

Winners of intermediate certificates were Albert Bastedo, Jean Campbell, Mabel Chapman, Edna Farrell, Dorothy Gay, Iris Hannah, Madeline McGee, Donald McIntosh, Hugh McMullen, Greta Nicholson, Charles Pedley, Perla Pidgeon, Gordon Reid, Morton Reid, Malcolm Richardson, Jean Salisbury, Russell Sills, Eileen Tanner, Ray Tanner, Margaret Vanderwater, Rowan Walker, James Watson, Donald Watson.

Winners of Diplomas

John Chard, Edith Cranston, Norma Detlor, Edna Hubble, William McGee; Maurieta McKee; Lillian Matthews, Russell Pyear, Edison Sine, Marion Symons, Allison Vanderwater, Russell West.

Betty Lucas was awarded the Hastings County Council Gold Medal for the leading Public School pupil for 1940. Miss Lucas now attends Stirling High School.

At this point in the program Dr. E. A. Carleton was called on and presented his class, who recently completed examinations in St. John's Ambulance First Aid. The entire group were successful and included Bruce Bell, Leira Detlor, Jean Duffin, Dorothy Eggleton, Madeline Gray, Phyllis Mitchell, Eileen Mitts, E. R. Mundy, Doris Sharpe, Josephine Sine, Rosa Spry, Allison Vanderwater and Lillian Wood.

Plays Presented

From this point forward the pupils were responsible for the entertainment of their parents and friends in attendance, and their efforts, under the capable direction of Miss Gladys Kippen and other teachers of the staff were heartily appreciated. Under the title "Toast to England" ,was a splendid reading "This England," Shakespeare; "Richard II.," by Raymond Dafoe; a group of old English airs exceptionally well sung by a full chorus and included "Country Gardens," "Drink to me only," and a health unto His Majesty. This fine sketch was climaxed with the dramatic and inspiring toast from Noel Coward's Cavalcade and the singing of "There'll Always be an England."

Sopranos: D. West, M. Vanderwater, G. Nicholson, J. Salisbury, M. Belshaw, M. Tulloch, S. Ormiston, D. Lummis, S. Robson, A. Robson, J. Sine; altos, B. Conley, M. Hick, M. Rodgers, E. West, M. Bush, M. L. Lanigan, E. Tanner, M. Phillips; bases, R. Tanner, B. Bastedo, R. Walker, D. McIntosh, C. Maybee, B. Bateman, M. Bateman, D. Stocker, Ross Jeffs, G. Reid, K. Baker, L. Sills, D. Patterson, D. Hulin, Ralph Jeffs.

Accompanists were Marietta McKee and Katherine Wright.

The dramatic ability of students accepting the responsibility of the two plays given during the evening was truly appreciated by the large audience. In the first play, "My Son," they depicted the overwhelming desire of English women to have a part in the war. The scene for this clever play was set in the basement apartment of old London tenement in lower East London. Those enacting the parts of Cockney scrub-women entered into their characters with marked reality and the part of Private Hugh Lowerie was taken by James Watson and Rev. Willis was enacted by Peter Simmons.

The cast of characters was: Mrs. Nan Lowerie, "charwoman," Marion Symons; Mrs. Martha Cunningham, charwoman, Ada Bateman; Mrs. Phebe Twinkle, Edna Hubble; Mrs. Wiggins, Dorothy West; Rev. Willis, Peter Simmons; Pte. Hugh Lowerie, James Watson.

Mystery and suspense were added to the program with the presentation of a one-act mystery story, "The Jewelled Hand," clever and exciting and well-enacted by the following cast: Ann Andrews, Marion Rose; Claire Collins, Allison Vanderwater; Ware Waring, Ray Tanner; Blair Burns, Malcolm Richardson; Molly (the maid), Betty Lucas; Alice Ambrose, Phyllis David; Police Officer, Ralph Vandervoort.

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SUFFERS DISLOCATED SHOULDER

While participating in a stunt during the program at Tuesday night's meeting of the Stirling Community Welfare Club, "Bob" Patterson fell and dislocated his left shoulder. He was taken to the office of Dr. E. A. Carleton, where the joint was pulled into place and "Bob" will be compelled to carry his arm in a sling for some time. Although his injury is quite painful, he is able to attend his place of business as usual.

AN APPRECIATION

The following letter was received by Mr. Thos. McGee from Aubrey Rodgers, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Rodgers, and a member of the R.C.A.F., in appreciation of the watch presented him by the community:

Dear Tom,—

May this convey to my friends at home the appreciation due to one and all for the beautiful gift I was recently the recipient of.

I shall cherish it forever as a reminder of the best community in this fair country of ours, which will never go down at the hands of a fiendish foe.

Trusting you will pass my gratitude on to George, Elvin and Rayburn, and all who remembered me. Thanking you again, I remain as ever

Aubrey

PAID FRATERNAL VISIT

Several members of Stirling Lodge No. 239 I.O.O.F., paid a fraternal visit to Cataraqui Lodge, Kingston, on Tuesday night. During the evening the Stirling Degree team conferred the Second Degree in their usual efficient manner. At the close of the Lodge ceremony, refreshments were served and a social time spent. Those who attended from here were Messrs K. I. Sine, H. Ashley, H. E. Hulin, W. H. Patterson, F. Kent, G. Bradshaw, Jas. Cranston, R. E. Shortt, N. E. Eggleton, R. Finkle, Thos. Spry, R. E. Fox, J. B. Thompson, W. L. Anderson, A. Park, R. Walker, Chas. Carter, R. Thrasher, Geo. Weaves, S. A. Murphy, E. R. Carlisle, A. Vandervoort and W. Warren.

CAMPAIGN MEETING WITH SUCCESS

We are pleased to be able to state that the War Savings Stamp Campaign being sponsored by the Scholars of our Community has got off to a very creditable start. In all the sales effort for November amounted to $214.25. We can keep this up and better it. If 200 booklets are started and one 25c stamp purchased each week, per booklet, this community will be contributing a steady $50.00 per week to a vital need, at an individual cost of 25c. Call at the P. O. for your Christmas Card Booklet and particulars. Encourage our Scholars' sales all you can and help win the war.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING

EVERYTHING NOW IN READINESS FOR SANTA'S ANNUAL VISIT HERE NEXT SATURDAY

Here's news! Every youngster in Stirling and the surounding district will be thrilled to learn that Santa Claus is coming to Stirling. Yes, he will be here next Saturday — the day after tomorrow — and it is expected that the largest gathering of children ever assembled within the limits of Stirling will be present to greet him and accept his gifts. Everything is in readiness, and all that remains is for the weatherman to give due consideration and send the best of weather for this outstanding event of the year in the lives of the children.

The Committee in charge of the program, along with the local Hydro Electric Commission, have been working hard to put everything in readiness for Santa's arrival. Strings of coloured lights will be lit across the main thoroughfare, and the bandstand will be decorated for the occasion so that Santa may distribute his gifts from there.

Bags of candy, oranges, etc., have been made ready and every child will be assured of a treat from jolly St. Nicholas.

The Public School children of Stirling and the rural schools of the district are invited to join the big parade which will be held in Santa's honour at two o'clock. The parade will form at the High School and will proceed to the large tree where Santa will make the presentations.

Leaving the stand, the parade will re-form and proceed to the Stirling Theatre, where the children will be the guests of the Village at a show procured especially for them by the management. Each and every youngster will be given free admission, but owing to the limited space, the older folks will not be admitted. While the children are at the show, the parents will be free to do their Christmas shopping, and the local merchants are well prepared to serve them. There will be no need for any of the older folks to worry as the children will be supervised by the school teachers of the district.

Everyone is urged to take part in the reception for Santa.

People You Know

Mr. Don Ward, Regina, left that city on Wednesday to report at Ottawa for duties with the R.C.A.F. Don, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Ward, and formerly of this village, will receive the best wishes of his friends here.

Mrs. Beckel, of Rawdon Parsonage, left on Wednesday to spend a few days with her mother, in Oshawa.

Miss Phyllis Beckel returned home on Monday after spending a couple of weeks at St. Ola.

Mrs. Walter Wright entertained a number of friends on Saturday evening in honour of Miss Violet Moyer, of Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moore returned to Stirling on Friday after spending a month's vacation at Manitoulin and Alliston.

Pte. Charles Faires, of Kingston, spent the week-end et his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. West and family have taken up residence in half of Mrs. Hockey's residence, on Church St.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dafoe, Jean and Earl, left on Saturday to reside in Windsor, where Mr. Dafoe has secured a position.

A|C Colin Fox, of Manning Pool Training School, Toronto, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fox.

Mrs. Jennie McConnell left on Monday for Brockville, where she will visit her son, Rev. A. S. McConnell, and Mrs. McConnell.

Miss V. Moyer, of Ottawa, was a week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright.

Trooper John R. Elliott, of Camp Borden, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hagerman.

Mr. Geo. E. Thompson, Mr. Kenneth Thompson, Miss Ethel Thompson, Mrs. Percy Smith, Mrs. A. P. Williams and Mr. Geo. Williams, of Springbrook, attended the funeral of Mrs. R. Wesley Thompson in Teeswater, on Sunday.

Mr. and Miss Porter, of Janetville, were Tuesday guests of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. V. Walker.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Friends of Miss Shirley Montgomery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Montgomery, of town, will be pleased to learn that she returned home from Belleville Hospital on Sunday, following a recent operation for appendicitis.

COMING EVENTS

SHOOTING MATCH — For Turkeys, Geese and Chickens, at St. John's Hall, on Saturday, Dec. 14, afternoon and evening. Refreshments served.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF HASTINGS Co. Cheese Producers' Association will be held in the Community Hall, Stirling, on Wednesday, Dec. 18th, at 1.30 p.m., S.T., for election of officers and general business. All cheese patrons are urged to attend. E. B. Finkle, Sec.-Treas.

CHATTEL MORTGAGE SALE— Of Farm Stock, Implements, Etc., Lots 13 and 14, Con. 8, Township of Sidney (known as the Hiram Rosebush farm) on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 1.00 o'clock (D.S.T.). Terms cash. E. A. Luery, Bailiff, Geo. W. Arnott, Auctioneer. 17-1

DAVID, THE SHEPHERD

"You can't go out to tend the sheep tonight, Judah," David heard the choke in his mother's voice. "The lion's claws have wounded you sore. I will find someone to send out with them."

"He is hot, so hot," she whispered to David after his father had fallen into a troubled sleep. "It will make him sick unto death if he goes out on the plain."

"Fear not, mother. I will go. Now that I am fourteen, I can prove myself a man. I will go, like my great forefather, David the king."

Rebeccah bade him good-by tenderly. "Had I a son older, I should send him. But you are all I have. Take care. The lion may return."

So David drove his father's flock out onto the plain where the shepherds watched their flocks by night. The cool breeze from off the mountains made him draw his cloak close about him. He kept his staff in his hand, even as he sat on the hard ground watching his flock.

Suddenly over the hill before him he saw a group of men approaching. That was a surprising thing, to see men wandering about at night. But there was nothing alarming in their action. The seemed filled with excitement and joy.

Now one of them called: "Who is this, guarding his sheep here? Oh, is it you, David, son of Judah? Come with us. We have seen your star, brighter than any star of the morning. It is moving, and we are following it. Come with us."

David was on his feet, listening with boyish excitement to their tale of the words they had heard from the heavens, as an angelic host praised Jehovah. His heart burned within him, and he was eager to accompany the hand of shepherds.

Then he heard one of the young lambs "Ha-aa-aa." The answering bleat came from a distance. The mother had wandered off in search of tender morsels. David heard again his mother's warning and replied:

"I have come to guard my father's flock. I cannot go with you."

"We left our sheep, David. This is the king we are about to see. We must go. You are a fool to stay here with these few sheep, when the king is to be seen."

"I came here to tend this flock. It is not mine, but it is my task," was his only reply.

When they saw that he would not accompany them, they made haste.

At first his excitement over the tale the shepherds had told him kept him awake. But gradually his eyes grew heavy. He was almost asleep when he heard the "Ma-aa-aa" of a young lamb again. He jumped to his feet, conscious that he had forgotten to hunt up that wandering mother. With staff in hand, and his sling ready for use, he listened intently for a moment. Then he saw the sheep, standing some distance from the others, its head raised listening to something he could not hear. But David knew what there was to be found there. With the starlight shining full upon it, crouched a lion, ready to spring.

Swift as the David of old, the lad swung his sling, and the stone went straight into the head of the crouching animal.

"I am glad, my son, that you were so faithful," his mother praised him in the morning. "Your father was beside himself, wild with his illness, and had I not been able to tell him you were with the flocks he would have gone out, sick as he was. And now you have slain a lion. Your fame will go before you."

"But mother, I did not see the king." David's voice trembled.

"Do you not think the king would have scorned a lad who would desert his post of duty from idle curiosity? Nay, nay, my son, you have done your task faithfully and well, and proved yourself a man."

COME FACTS ON ICY DRIVING OF INTEREST TO MOTORISTS

The theory that driving on ice and packed snow can be safe without chains if tires are deflated slightly, was exploded by 3,000 tests made on the ice of Lake Cadillac last February, according to a report just released by the winter driving hazards committee of the National Safety Council.

The report on the tests was not made public until this month in the hope that its timeliness would contribute to making motoring safer this winter, the committee said.

Among the points the tests were said to have established were:

1. Unequalized brakes start skids.
2. Tire chains are vital during bad snows or icy weather.
3. Chains will not prevent skids unless cars operate at reduced speeds.
4. It takes from three to ten times the normal distance to stop on snow or ice without chains.
5. Traction afforded by chains does not duplicate dry pavement braking ability, but on snow and ice they cut stopping distances about 40 per cent.

The committee said every known method of skid prevention was tested carefully on the lake ice. It was found the common practice of letting air out of tires on slippery roads was "a fallacy since the added traction for stopping is very slight and the tendency to side skid and to skid on curves is considerably increased."

The committee also pointed out that continuous operation with deflated tires increased the rate of tire wear and the chance of later blowouts.

The tests were said to have shown that tires with good treads give no better performance than smooth tires on snowy and icy surfaces.

"Deeply treaded tires of a snow or mud lug design have no advantage on smooth ice, although giving better performance on snow that is not packed or icy," the report said.

"The use of tire chains is the most effective and practical form of self-help for the motorist in increasing traction, and is recommended for driving on icy and snowy road surfaces," the report concluded.

The lake here was selected as the scene for the tests because of the availability of Michigan state highway department equipment and because the lake is in northern Michigan well within the snow and ice belt of the nation.

ST. PAUL'S Y. P. U.

St. Paul's Y.P.U. met as usual on Monday evening in the church parlours with a good attendance, and under the Citizenship Department. The meeting opened with the playing of soft music by the pianist, Miss J. Workman. The President was in charge of the meeting which opened with the singing of hymn 380. The Scripture lesson, "The Good Samaritan," was taken from the tenth Chapter of St. Luke, followed by prayer. A vocal solo, given by Miss Margaret Atkinson, A.T.C.M., accompanied by Miss Janet Workman, was greatly appreciated by all present. Hymn 382 was sung, and the splendid address of the evening, "Christian Citizenship," prepared by Douglas Richardson, was read by Miss Phyllis David. Just as the good Samaritan helped the man along the wayside, we can also help those who have been unfortunate in such trying times as these. We can also help as an organization, the countless number of refugees from Spain, Poland and China who are fleeing from cruel persecution because of their belief in liberty and democratic ideals. Most of them are suffering untold hardships and are not able to find countries to which they may emigrate or finances to make it possible. People such as these surely need our assistance. Canada is doing much to help these people through the funds contributed by such organizations as ours, and others. Peace can only be built on a basis of brotherhood and co-operation. Rev. A. M. Laverty gave a short, convincing talk on "The Good Samaritan." Mr. Morris Bell delighted the audience with a splendid banjo selection. With the singing of hymn 390 the Benediction concluded this part of the evening. The Recreation period, consisting of a Flower Contest, was greatly enjoyed.

The survival power of Chri[illegible] its persistence as a world-wi[illegible] tival, lies in the fact that it qu[illegible] in all of us the sense of huma[illegible] ship. It gets beneath the s[illegible] cynicism and releases those fi[illegible] pulses which we all possess. [illegible] day we become again "as litt[illegible] ren," and the child in our m[illegible] the symbol of the joy which w[illegible] seek.

A Merry Christmas then — merry because it brings to us th[illegible] vision of love ruling in the hearts o[illegible] men, and renewed hope that the dream of a day may yet become the perpetua[illegible] ality.

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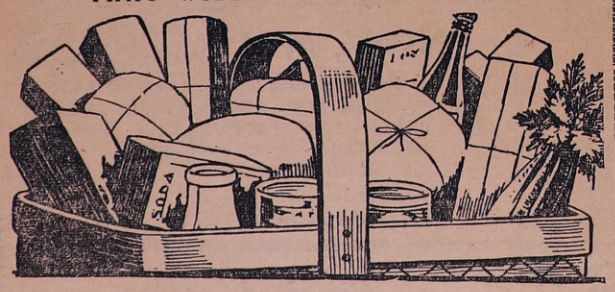

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- RAISINS - Sunbeam, 16-oz, Sealed, pkg. 17c
- RAISINS - Sultana, lb. 10c
- CURRANTS - New Cleaned 2 lbs. 25c
- PITTED DATES - 2 lbs. ... 35c
- CUT MIXED PEEL - lb. ... 25c
- SHELLED WALNUTS - lb. .. 39c
- SHELLED ALMONDS ½ lb. 30c
- GLACED CHERRIES - ½ lb. 20c
- MINCEMEAT - 2 lbs. 25c
- COOKING FIGS - 2 lbs. 25c
- APPLE JUICE - 20 oz., 2 for 19c
- Hillcrest Shortening - 2 lbs. 25c
- LIBBY'S Tomato and Veg. SOUP - 3 for 25c
- LIBBY'S PORK & BEANS - 20oz., 2 for 19c
- McCLAREN'S OLIVES - Stuffed, 14 oz. 30c
- SUPER SUDS - Lge. Palmolive .. both for 21c

FRUITS - VEGETABLES

- ORANGES, Doz ..... 19c to 49c
- GRAPEFRUIT — 6 for 25c
- GRAPES — 2 lbs. 25c
- CRANBERRIES — (Eatmore) lb. 28c
- CELERY 10c
- HEAD LETTUCE 10c
- COOKING ONIONS — 10 lbs. 25c

CANDIES - NUTS

- Creams ..... 2 lbs. 35c
- Empire Mixed ..... 2 lbs. 29c
- Chocolate Drops .. 2 lbs. 35c
- Candy Canes 1c, 5c, 10c
- Peanuts ..... 2 lbs. 25c
- Almonds ..... lb. 30c
- Walnuts, diamond budded ..... lb. 26c
- Creams and Jellies 2 lbs. 35c
- Maple Creams ..... lb. 19c
- Salted Peanuts ..... lb. 15c
- Candy Kisses ..... 2 lbs. 25c
- Cut Rock ..... lb. 19c
- Jelly Beans ..... lb. 15c
- Humbugs ..... lb. 25c
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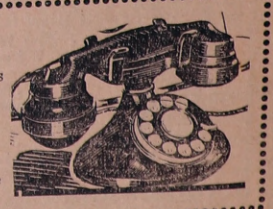

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Abolition of Juries Favoured By Council

After protesting for the past three years the increasing costs of Administration of Justice in Hastings County, the County Council on Thursday unanimously adopted a resolution to be forwarded to the Minister of Justice, urging abolition of Grand Juries and reduction of petit juries to six men.

The resolution came after lengthy discussion on the fact that justice costs this year will increase nearly $4,000 to a total of $32,000. A steady increase was noted by Councillors during the past four years.

Reeve W. J. Davis, chairman of the Administration of Justice Committee, told the Council the recent sittings of the Supreme Court had cost the county more than $3,000 and that all accounts were not yet in.

One councillor complained that a civil case heard in the Supreme Court had cost the county over $200 a day for five days. "Then, when the case was completed and ready to go to the jury, the lawyers got together and settled out of court," he said. "This is just a pure waste of the taxpayers' money. That case might have been settled before the hearing as well as afterward, and this ridiculous expense could have been avoided."

Members challenged the usefulness of the Grand Jury "In my opinion," Reeve Davis said, "the Grand Jury has outlived its usefulness The Grand Jury inspects county buildings outside the county's jurisdiction, and are permitted to bring in recommendations, after the same buildings have been inspected many times during the year by government inspectors."

Reeve Charles Rush, of Hungerford, stated he was strongly in favor of abolishing the grand jury, and pointed out that Hastings County's administration of justice costs were twice those of any of the counties adjoining. Reeve Rush said it was his opinion much of the mounting costs were caused by "overlapping."

"Not only am I in favour of discontinuing grand juries, but I believe a six-man petit jury is sufficient to meet the ends of justice," he declared.

The resolution for abolition of the grand jury and reduction of the petit jury to six men will be circulated to other counties, and a copy will be immediately forwarded to the Minister of Justice with a request for action.

During the afternoon session indigent hospital accounts were discussed. G. A. Frieson, administrator of the Belleville General Hospital, was present, and urged co-operation of the county council in settling outstanding accounts.

A full line of Personal Greeting Cards, All Prices, at the News-Argus.

GIVEN THREE-MONTH TERM IN REFORMATORY

Wilmet Maybee, Rawdon Township farmer, was sentenced to serve three months in the Ontario Reformatory by Magistrate E. J. Butler, K.C., in the County Police Court when he appeared for sentence. One week ago Maybee pleaded guilty to a charge of contributing to the moral delinquency of the home of Mrs. Mary Munroe, a neighbour. An additional three months indeterminate was also added to the term, His Worship decreed.

Mrs. Mary Munroe, the other person contributary to the charge of moral delinquency, was sentenced to three months in the common jail. Mrs. Munroe and Maybee resided in adjoining parts of a double house at Wellmans Corners.

Robert Pringle, local barrister, appeared on behalf of the accused persons and sought clemency on behalf of the woman. "Such cases are man's fault and man's responsibility as woman's weakness is usually taken advntage of," suggested Mr. Pringle on Mrs. Munroe's behalf.

CHEESE BOARD

Only fourteen factories were represented on the Belleville Cheese Board on Thursday evening, offering a total of 491 cheese for sale, of which 366 were coloured and 125 were white. All were sold, with white being bought at 13 1-2 cents and coloured at 14 cents. Buyers Hunter and McCreary took the board.

Thursday evening's meeting marked the close of the Belleville Cheese Board for 1940 as it was moved for adjournment for the season, with the meetings to resume next spring at the call of the chair. The factories represented at last night's meeting were:

Central (Coloured)	47
Sidney (Coloured)	70
Wooler (Coloured)	50
Sidney T. H. (Coloured)	35
Cloverdale	42
Mountain	30
Moira Valley	17
Quinte	23
Rogers (Coloured)	30
Stirling	26
Roblin (Coloured)	42
Shamrock	13

TWELFTH NIGHT

Twelfth night is January 5, the eve of Twelfth day, or the Feast of the Epiphany, twelve days after Christmas. Formerly this last of the Christmas holidays was the occasion of great merrymaking.

RACE HORSE OWNER DIES

L. G. Bennett, 83, race horse owner and driver, died at Port Hope General Hospital on Saturday. A familiar figure on many tracks in Canada, Mr. Bennett raced his own horses and was one of the oldest sulky drivers in the Dominion.

RIVER VALLEY S. GROUP

The November meeting of the River Valley Study Group was held at the home of Mrs. Percy Utman with a very good attendance. The President, Mrs. Roy Bush, opened the meeting with the hymn "For the Beauty of the earth." This was followed by a reading by Mrs. Roy Bush and prayers by several members. The minutes were read and adopted and reports were given from the different secretaries. It was moved by Mrs. John Kane and seconded by Mrs. W. Lindenfield that the group work with the Institute with the relief work. It was decided to hold a Christmas social gathering at the school house on Friday, December 13th, to start at 7.30 o'clock. Mrs. W. Lindenfield then conducted the election of officers for the coming year which are as follows:

Hon. Pres. — Mrs. A. M. Laverty.
Pres. — Mrs. Roy Bush.
1st vice-Pres. — Mrs. Norman Rosebush.
2nd vice-Pres. — Mrs. W. H. Hanna
Sec.-Treas. — Mrs. Walter Lindenfield.
Associate Helped — Mrs. Mary Vandervoort.
Literature Sec. — Mrs. Percy Utman.
Friendship Sec. — Mrs. Don Donohoe, Mrs. Jack Sager, Miss Flossie Rosebush and Mrs. Alex Bush.
Missionary Monthly — Mrs. John Kane.
Bible Study — Mrs. W. Lindenfield.
Auditor — Mrs. Janet Sager.
Pianist — Mrs. Norman Rosebush.
Temperance Sec. — Mrs. Janet Sager.

Mrs. Sager then took charge of the program and gave a splendid talk in detail in the Study Book, "Birch Bark Talking" which made us realize the foundation and sacrifice he and his wife laid. Mrs. Lindenfield read an account of the Centennial Celebration of his work. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Walter Lindenfield. Collection amounted to $1.90. Everyone was invited to the dining room where a friendship lunch was enjoyed around the table.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

The Christmas tree is supposed by great numbers of people to have originated in Germany, but the first Christmas tree came in the first instance from Egypt, and its origin dates from a period much earlier than the Chritian era. The palm tree is known to put forth a branch every month, and a spray of this tree with 12 shoots on it was used in Egypt at the time of the winter solstice as a symbol of the completed year.

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Badminton Supplies
Boys' Wagons
Wheelbarrows
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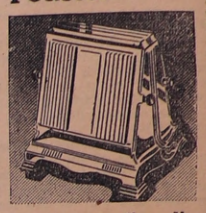
We have a fine display of Toasters that would make excellent Gifts

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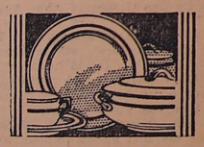
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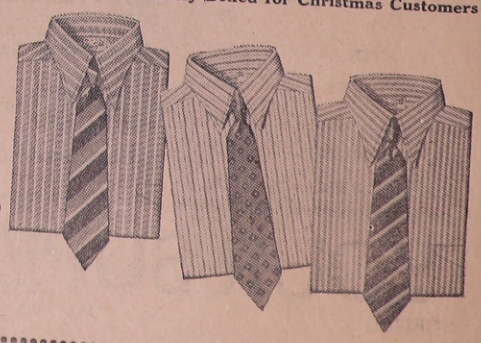

CHECKERBOARD LOVE

JOSEPH McCORD

CHAPTER XIII.

Synopsis

Audrey Swann is the daughter of a highly respected horse trainer whose farm adjoins the estate of Judge Castle. The Judge's only son, Jeffrey, has been Audrey's friend since childhood. He is educated to go into his father's law office, but marries Olive Cooper, who refuses to live in Parville. Jeff's friend, Vic Quinn, in love with Audrey, becomes the Judge's partner. Jeffrey, tired of idleness, goes into his father-in-law's business, and he an Olove come to the parting of the ways because of this. Vic visits Jeff and reports back to the Judge. The Judge makes a trip to the city. Vic is now awaiting the Judge's return.

Victor gave a grunt of disgust and turned from the window. He'd better quit his mooning and write some letters. He had inserted paper in the typewriter and was trying to assemble his legal thoughts when the door opened and the Judge entered. Victor jumped to his feet. "You're back, sir? I'm sorry you didn't call and let me come over to the station for you."

"A friend happened to be passing and brought me over. Come into my room, Quinn, if you please. I want to talk to you."

Victor said nothing. Waited.

"I came to the conclusion, Quinn, that if I went directly to Jeffrey there would be danger that one or both of us might let our impulses get the better of us. So, instead of attempting to contact Jeffrey, I called Harvey Harrison and asked if he would join me at lunch. He is quite a remarkable man in some respects, Quinn."

"I imagine he might be, sir."

"He is. Very confidentially, Quinn, I may tell you that he was frank in condemning his daughter. Rather violently so, in fact. I was equally frank in telling Mr. Harrison of the hopes I always had entertained for the boy. I trusted that this turn of events would mean that he would come back here and take his rightful place."

"Surely."

"Wait a moment, Quinn. I wish to make it clear that it was my idea that the sign out there should remain as it is. Naturally, I planned that you two boys would carry on together and relieve me completely from the practice, unless it might be in some advisory capacity. I have to admit, however, that Harrison talked me out of that."

"May I ask how, Judge?"

"Certainly. He told me that he had been receiving very flattering reports of Jeffrey's ability and initiative and was averse to having him leave the corporation. He told me he was satisfied that the boy is not of a legal turn of mind and never would be a credit to the profession. Later, Jeffrey suggested that I ask you to corroborate that fact, but I appreciate that you woud not care to express an opinion."

Victor smiled slightly, but made no answer.

"I was about to add that Mr. Harrison insisted that Jeffrey stay with him, that the divorce matter would in no matter have any bearing on his business career.. It was his idea that Jeffrey associate himself with the Brussels office for a year or two. If he decides to stay abroad permanently, that can be arranged. He was quite eloquent about it. All this before I had talked to Jeffrey, you understand."

Victor nodded.

"The upshot of the matter was that Harrison called Jeffrey and asked him to come down to the club. The boy apparently is a little sensitive about the whole business. He wished to sever his connections with the company. Strange as it may seem, I found myself supporting Harrison's contention and that is the way it was settled."

"Then Jeff is going to Europe?"

"In the very near future. Of course he will be down here to spend a little time with us, first. And incidentally, Quinn, that solution leaves nothing for you and me to discuss. Things will go on here as they have. For that I am glad."

"I'm glad for Jeff's sake," Victor answered simply.

After Judge Castle had taken his departure, Victor lighted a cigarette and lifted his feet to his desk top to ponder the situation anew. A number of issues had been settled, mainly the one affecting his future in Parville. And he was sincerely glad that peace had been restored in the Castle family. As a matter of fact, he ought to feel happy about the whole thing since the complication seemed to have vanished to a great extent. And he wasn't. He felt distinctly depressed. When his phone rang stridently, he sat and looked at it until a second summons came. "Castle and Quinn's office," he admitted.

"How important we sound!" answered a laughing voice. "Do you know who this is?"

Victor's feet came down and a bright smile lighted his face. "I hope I do!"

"It's the shameless equestrienne. Very discreetly calling from the drug store booth. Have you finished for the day?"

"Yes, indeed. Where ..."

"My car is parked just around the corner from here on West Street. It isn't a very pleasant evening, but I know that Julia is having chicken and corn fritters for dinner and I was wondering ..."

"I'll be at your car in exactly half a minute!" Victor hung up before any change in the procedure could be suggested. In the specified time he was gazing at Audrey through the window of her car with his heart in his eyes.

"How's this for boldness?" she laughed.

"Heavenly! You can't appreciate how I've been wanting to see you! You said chicken and corn fritters, didn't you?"

"That was the idea when I left home."

"What will this bus do if it's pushed?"

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Rain fell incessantly throughout the evening, but it could not dampen the complete contentment of Victor Quinn. The clouds of his depression had been dissipated now, leaving him to bask in the gentle radiance of Audrey's presence. Gentle was the word that kept recurring to mind. Audrey appeared to be in unusual spirits, but he sensed an unwonted tenderness in her eyes and voice, even in her laughter. Victor was conscious of it while he watched and listened, but he made no attempt to ascribe a reason for her mood. It was enough that he was allowed to share it.

For an hour or more after dinner he played at Wellington with his partness. It was a new game to Victor, but it proved to be one of Martha Swann's favourite pastimes and the guest was quietly amused at the earnestness displayed and the apparent satisfaction she took in collecting the seven penalties that were due her at the end of the session. "How are you going to get home tonight, Mr. Quinn?" she demanded, after announcing her intention to retire.

"I'll take him home, seeing I abducted him in the first place," Audrey suggested.

"Indeed you will not," was his retort. "You forget that Parville boasts two taxicabs. I'll phone for one presently."

"You may as well occupy the guest room. It's all made up. Then Audrey can take you in after breakfast."

"That's very kind, Mrs. Swan, but I won't impose on your hospitality to that extent, this time."

"You're perfectly welcome to stay if you want to. Good night." And with that she disappeared.

"Did anybody ever tell you that you have a mighty nice mother, Audrey?" Victor asked as he helped himself to a seat beside her on the couch.

"She's a dear."

Something in Audrey's voice caused the man to glance curiously at her. He was aware of an impression that her happy mood had been like a cloak, that she had allowed it to fall from her for an instant. "What's the matter?" he asked quietly.

"Nothing ..... much."

"Meaning something. Can I help?"

Instead of answering his question, she said hesitatingly: "Vic, my kidnapping you this evening was a ..... a sort of plot. I didn't want to be alone with myself. I'm not sure I can make you understand."

"I'm afraid you'll have to be a little more specific,' he suggested soberly. "That is, if you care to."

"I want to. And I know that you can understand, if I put it this way. It's the same thing that brought you to me once of your own accord, Jeff."

"Yes?" Victor said the word mechanically. There was the sensation of something tightening about his heart. He kept his eyes on Audrey's face, but she was looking down at her two hands clasped tensely on her lap.

As if the words were drawn from her reluctantly, she said; "He's coming here next week. Did you know?"

"No. I didn't know."

"It's because his wife has gone to Reno. I think you did know that and didnt' tell me."

"I knew," he admitted in a flat voice. "I couldn't very well speak of it to anybody." One thought was hammering dully at his brain. Jeff had written to Audrey of his trouble. He wanted her to know. He wanted to see her.

"I wouldn't let myself believe that such a thing could happen and yet I've somehow been afraid ... always afraid. I had hoped so that everything would turn out all right. I thought maybe it had until this afternoon when Judge Castle told me," Audrey said.

"The Judge told you!" Victor's eyes were wide with amazement. He choked slightly over the words.

"Why, yes." Audrey had raised her eyes to his. She was surprised in her turn at the outburst. "You see, I was driving past the station this afternoon just after the train came in. I saw the Judge standing in the door looking for a cab, so I offered to take him to your office."

"I see." Victor drew a deep breath.

"He told me about Jeff; that he was coming home to see his mother and then was going abroad. I think it is a wise thing for him to do, but it made me fairly sick. It did! You know that Jeff's always been the same as a brother. I adored him that way when I was a youngster. I could not stop right off, just because he went and got married. He's too fine and decent to get a deal like that. I wanted to love whomever he married. I could have loved Olive to death if ..... if she'd only been different. I guess that's why I just had to see you tonight. You're the only one I could spill to, because you've always tried to help Jeff when he needed it." She gave a little laugh that was suspiciously like a sob. "Please consider your shoulder duly wept on, will you?"

"Audrey! Audrey Swan! Do you know what you've said?"

"Why, I should think I did!" She looked at him wonderingly. "I was ..... oh, I get it." The wonder in her eyes gave way to sudden and utter hopelessness. "You thought I was trying to confess that I was in love with Jeff....."

"No. But I ....."

"Listen, Vic. Don't you think you have done your Damon and Pythias act pretty near to death? You're forcing me to be utterly shameless. But I'm like the girl in the ads who was always a bridesmaid. I want to be whispered to ..... not about."

"You mean ....." he could not find the words.

"I'm afraid I do, Vic. Don't you know that you are the funniest and dumbest man in the world?"

His answer to that was to gather her in his arms and hold her close, with his cheek resting against her shining curls. "I guess you're right about me," Victor admitted finally, drawing a long breath. "But how could I know?"

"You could have tried asking. I know you did, a long time ago. But I had to be sure. Then, when I was sure, you didn't ask. You just kept telling me."

"And I'm telling you again. I love you ..... so."

"And I love you, Vic. I guess I have for a long time."

"Let me make up for it, please, dear. Look at me." He kissed her lips and then took her face in his two hands and looked into her eyes. "I can't believe it, quite," he murmured happily.

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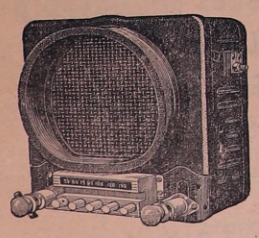

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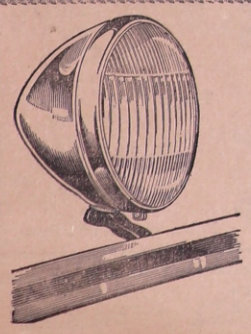

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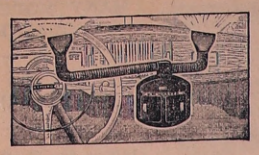

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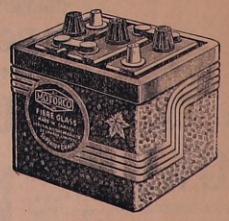

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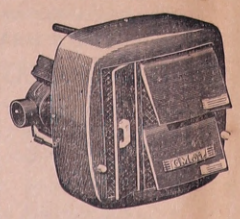

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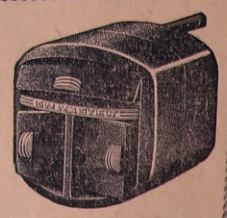

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MOUNT PLEASANT

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Miss Doris Sine arrived home on Saturday after spending two weeks with relatives at Minto.

Miss Marion Spencer, eleven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spencer, Toronto, was chosen out of a group of eighty pupils to Miss one grade at school and be promoted to the one following, because of her exceptionally good showing.

On Sunday morning, December 1st, Marion, with five other pupils from her school, was awarded the honour of singing at Detonia Park United Church.

On Friday evening, twenty-two people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Linn and packed five boxes of good used clothing, new quilts, overcoats, several new articles, games, toys, pop-corn and home made candy. The W.M.S. valued their bale at $131.67 and the Mission Band at $6.85. The bale was shipped to Miss Wilma Paddock, Missionary at large in North Frontenac, and will be distributed among the underprivileged children in that district.

Several folks from Mount Pleasant attended Stirling High School Commencement on Thursday evening.

Mr. Harold Johnson underwent an operation in Belleville Hospital on Friday.

Miss Eileen MacMullen is holidaying this week with her friend, Miss Geneva Wagar, at Cameron.

Mrs. Herb. Higgs, of Stirling, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Remington and children, Dorland, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Potts.

The ladies gathered at the home of Mrs. Emma Summers and Mrs. Cyrus Summers on Thursday and quilted a lovely grandmother's fan. The dinner money was used for the Expense Fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Weaver and Lois, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Potts, Mr. and Mrs. Earl McAdam, Mr. Irvin Potts, were among those from Mount Pleasant who attended the Central Ontario Cheesemakers' banquet at Belleville, when Miss Winnie Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Phillips was crowned Dairy Queen and Miss Lois Weaver presented her with a bouquet on behalf of Central Cheese Factory.

Mount Pleasant Y. P. U.

Mount Pleasant Young People's Union convened at the hall on Monday evening, December 2nd, instead of Wednesday evening, with an attendance of eighteen. The Recreational Period came first with several quiet games being enjoyed. The service opened with music played by Mrs. W. Jeffs and Miss Esma Cole gave the call to worship. All sang a hymn of consecration and Miss Gladys Summers read the Scripture Lesson. In the business part Mr. Robert Melville was appointed Treasurer. The program committee, to supervise the plans for the year are Mrs. Carleton Potts, Mrs. Ira David, Miss Gladys Sharp, Mrs. Kenneth Weaver, Miss Eileen MacMullen and Miss Muriel Sine. The Recreation Committee, Mr. Robert Melville, Miss Esma Cole and Mrs. Bill Jeffs. Next week the speaker will be Rev. A. M. Laverty, Stirling. Mrs. Bill Jeffs outlined the topic on "Men of Africa," taken from Comrades in the World Church. Rev. J. E. Beckel led in a discussion. Master Don Spencer contributed a guitar solo and Master Eric Summers gathered the offering.

Miss Eileen MacMullen attended the Glover-Demorest nuptials in Trenton on Tuesday evening, Dec. 3rd.

Mr. Gordon Linn was called to Belleville as a petit juror last week.

MADOC JUNCTION

Quite a number attended the services at church here on Sunday night although the roads were in very poor condition for travelling. Mr Kenneth Stewart opened the service with the singing of a number of Christmas carols. He based his sermon on the story of "The Prodigal Son" and stressed the importance of discipline and guidance on the part of the parents. He spoke briefly of the indifference shown by a large percentage of grown sons and daughters toward their parents who had cared for and provided for those children from their cradle days, making many sacrifices. He stated it was no wonder so many fathers and mothers today were broken-hearted when those children had been so carefully reared failed to return the loving care and otherwise shirking their responsibility toward their parents in their declining years.

Mr. Kenneth Stewart and Mrs. Florence Stewart were tea hour guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Harlow on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Reid, Carl and Marilyn were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reid, Ivanhoe, on Sunday.

A reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Danford on Monday night in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Gavin Scott (nee Marjorie Danford) of Belleville.

Mrs. Warren Harlow called on Mrs. Nelson Stapley in Belleville hospital on Tuesday.

Mr. Sam Danford is sporting a new car.

Mr. Burton Sharpe who is taking military training for one month in Peterboro spent Sunday at the McMullen home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stapley and Donna spent an evening recently at Mr. and Mrs. Warren Harlow's.

Friends of Mr. W. Heath, Ridge Road, will be pleased to hear he has recovered from his illness. He is now serving in England, a member of the Royal Canadian Navy.

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Twenty years have passed since our starting,
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May success and peace still stand by you,
And add many years to your score.

Many members have gone from among us,
Some have gone to quite distant lands,
And some have sat down and stopped working,
But there's still many left on your hands.

And some have passed on to the Highest Degree —
They remain in our memory still.
We know it's the way of the Master,
And abide by His law and His will.

Tho' many of our members have scattered,
There still are the same faithful few,
Who come out to Lodge Tuesday evening,
For they know there is still work to do.

For as long as Truth, Love and Friendship,
In the heart of each member is found,
There'll be those who are sad in affliction,
And benevolence and charity have found.

Then let us be true to our promise,
When misery and suffering we see:
"Whatever ye do to the least of these,
Ye have done it unto me."

Now members and friends of Laurel,
Let's give three rousing good cheers,
And may many be spared to meet here again
To celebrate the next twenty years.

STRUCK ON HEAD BY ICICLE MAN IS KILLED

A fatal accident occurred at Bancroft on Saturday afternoon about three o'clock when a large piece of ice fell from the roof, striking Alex Jenkins, 65, on the head, and fracturing his skull. Mr. Jenkins was rushed to the Red Cross hospital, but died about nine o'clock without regaining consciousness.

Robert Tulley was unloading a load of wood from a sleigh in the driveway between Kelusky's store and Miss Haase's home, and Jenkins, who was also expecting a load of wood that afternoon, came along to help. Mr. Tully had gone to the cellar to clear away the pile from the window and Mr. Jenkins was standing beside the sleigh when a large icicle dropped from the roof, striking him on the head. He was bleeding badly and unscious when Mr. Tully came up from the cellar. Drs. O. W. Anderson and S. F. Lumb were called and the injured man was taken to the hospital but he died about 9.45.

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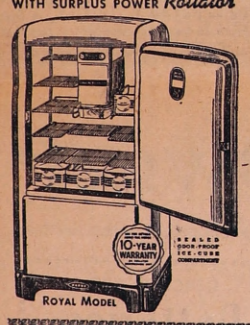

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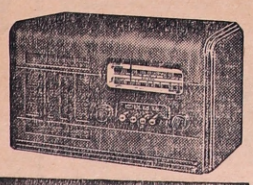

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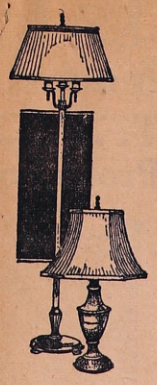

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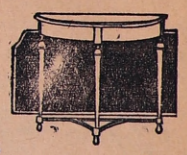

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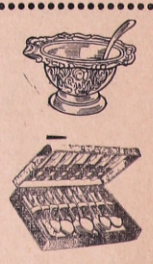

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- THE WEEKLY NEWS -

BY MURDIE McDONALD

Premier Mitchell Hepburn revealed a change in his political tactics last week. For a long time his policy seemed to be one of kicking the Liberal Party around while he played almost a lone game with the general public of Ontario. Few in the party of his allegiance could predict what he was going to do next. He picked a fight with the Prime Minister, aroused the antagonism of most federal Liberals and finally arrived at a position where provincial Liberal members under his own banner at Queen's Park were ripe for revolt.

In this situation, the Ontario Premier attempted to take the public into his confidence, making speeches and issuing statements in which he sought to justify his antipathy towards the federal leader and his government. He paused in his course only when he realized that the general public was unsympathetic, that the average citizen was more concerned with getting organized for war than he was in decid ing who was responsible for lack of previous preparation. Then Mr. Hepburn cut off his speechmaking and his prepared statements, kept an odd silence, broken only by a sudden feverish prediction that we could expect an armed invasion from the United States from Nazi and Fascist sympathizers there.

Now, without warning, the Ontario public is treated to a strange reversal in policy. People woke up one morning last week to read a carefully worded statement that the Ontario premier had met some 350 members of the Liberal Party behind closed doors at the Liberal Ontario Club, and had made peace with them.

It wouldn't do of course to allow every Tom, Dick and Harry to read what Mr. Hepburn had to say at that meeting. So J. C. M. German, K.C., tossed out this bone to reporters after the meeting.

"He explained his stand on various controversial questions, and, apparently, in the opinion of the club members, he was thoroughly justified in the light of subsequent events."

Obviously, one of those "controversial questions" wasn't Mr. Hepburn's alarming claim that Canada would be attacked from the United States.

It could be that by some means federal Liberals have straightened Mr. Hepburn out and have secured his co-operation; that this meeting was designed to give the Ontario Premier a graceful exit from his program of bitter, impulsive attack. But whether that is true or not, nothing can waft away the order that arises from a large party gathering which shoves the general public away with the implied remark, "This is none of your business."

Canadians in Ontario and elsewhere have entrusted their precious personal liberty with elected representatives in Ottawa, hoping that those representatives will guard it well while they submit to a proper manipulation of their property and personal services. That willingness to be regimented pro-tempore is an asset to Canada right now. And it shouldn't be kicked around by any politicians who try to cover up a public issue with the roof of a private club and a locked front door.

Premier Hepburn has determined to take a leading part in the Dominion-Provincial Conference which opens at Ottawa on January 14. It was feared at first that Mr. Hepburn would delegate this duty to others.

One thing that can be said about the head of the Ontario Government is that he has opinions of his own and the courage to give expression to them. While has maintained silence as to the provisions of the Sirois report, he has intimated that Ontario is to be used as the basis of any adjustment and that she is to give and not to receive. While Mr. Hepburn is prepared to make concessions in behalf of the people he represents in the interests of unity, it will only be on the assurance that Ontario's rights are protected.

If it is agreed that the Federal Government assume all provincial debts, Ontario will insist upon a written guarantee that all provincial expenditures must be reviewed by central authority, much as all municipal capital expenditures in Ontario must now be reviewed by the Municipal Board.

Under the recommendations of the Sirois report, Ontario would be called upon to assume a part of the debts of insolvent provinces. In view of that, added interest is attached to a strong report from a reliable authority at Ottawa, that Premier Aberhart has at least postponed his projected lecture tour in Ontario.

FIVE HORSES ARE DROWNED IN RIVER

Five horses were drowned in the Samlon River at Shannonville last week. Mr. Percy Reid lost four young colts and Mr. Archie Little one horse. The animals had been released and were running at large over a grazing pasture on the south side of the river. It is believed the horses were attempting to cross the river on Thursday, when the ice proved too weak to hold the additional weight and broke through. The animals were all drowned but the dead bodies were later recovered.

Static By The Editor

Suffocated

Street Car Conductor — This transfer has expired, madam.

Madam — Well, no wonder, with the air so bad in here.

Vindicated

Chaplain — How could you have the heart to swindle people who trusted you?

Prisoner — But, Parson people who don't trust you can't be swindled.

Preferable

"The poets of today certainly put plenty of fire into their verses."

"The trouble is that some of them don't pull their verses into the fire."

The Very First

A traveller in an American sleeping car was in doubt about the amount of tip he should give the Negro attendant, so he said to him: "What's the average tip you get?"

"Two dollars, sah."

The traveller gave him two dollars, whereupon the Negro clapped his hands delightedly.

"What's the idea?" asked the traveller.

"Well, sah," said the Negro, "you is the first man dat ever came up to the average."

Logical

Pat, a truck driver, stopped suddenly on the highway. The car behind crashed into the truck and its owner sued the Irishman.

"Why didn't you hold out your hand?" the judge asked Pat.

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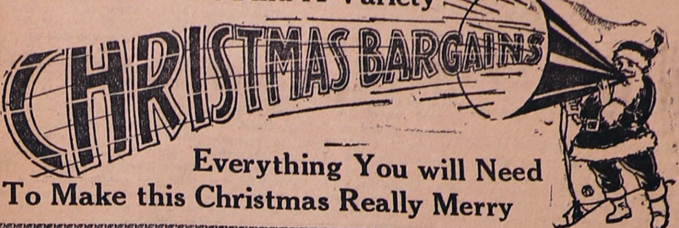

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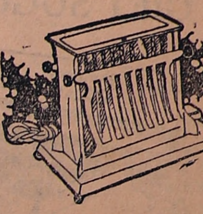

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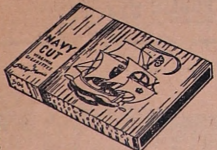

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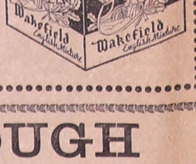

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THE LITTLE FIR TREE

There was very little sunlight in the forest. The trees were so big, all the grown up trees. The little fir tree stretched himself, and tried to imagine himself as full grown. Looking up at the sky and the stars and the moon, he listened to the big trees talk. "Isn't the moon bright tonight," one would say; and there would be a gentle rustling of their leaves as the trees would shake their heads in agreement.

"I'm afraid you're going to be stunted, because there is so much shade here," a little squirrel said to the fir one day as he jumped into its branches and brushed the top limbs with his bushy tail. "It takes sunlight to make anything grow strong and tall."

So the little fir tree stretched himself up, and kept his head pointed up toward the spot of sunlight he saw clear thorugh the maze of heavy tree growth. He could be straight and upstanding, even if he hadn't grown tall.

Today the ground was all covered with the snow which stayed white in the forest. All but a few birds had gone south. Every once in a while there was the sound of steel striking against wood, and infrequently a crashing sound of falling trees.

The tall trees began to tremble. "The woodcutters are out. But this is a funny time of year," one murmured to the others. Then one of the little snow birds spoke. "Have you forgotten that every year they come out to cut Christmas trees?"

"What are Christmas trees?" the little fir tree asked.

"Oh, they cut down the trees and take them in the house, and put candles on them so they look like stars shining in the moonlight. And the people sing songs and give each other gifts, and it is a time of being glad," the little snow bird twittered.

"Oh, I wish they would take me," the little tree cried in excitement. "I would love to see it all. I'd love to make people happy. But I'm too little," he sighed unhappily.

"Sh! Let's all be quiet," one of the tall trees exclaimed. "The woodsmen are coming near us. We must be quiet so they won't notice us. Then we won't be cut down and left to die."

But in spite of their silence, the men drew near. They looked at the trees, and one of them said: "Oh, these are too tall. No house or church could hold them. Let's get on."

Just then a little lad who was riding in the sled, called to his father: "Dad can we find a little tree for sister? Couldn't we find a cute little tree to put in her own room?"

"Ho! Ho!" laughed a bid rough man. "In her own room? No little girl will stay in her own room on Christmas day!"

The lad's father answered, sadly: "Yes, my little girl will. She had infantile paralysis last summer, and hasn't been able to walk since. Surely, son, we'll find a little tree for her."

"Here I am, here I am! Come and get me," the little fir tree called out lustily. And the little boy turned and saw the branches trembling and the little snow bird flying away.

"Why, dad, there is a cute little tree over there. Such a beautiful straight tree. Wouldn't that do?" he called.

The man got out from the sled. He walked to the tree and fondled it gently. 'I never saw a more beautiful tree. It seems to glow. Molly will love it," he said with a smile.

The little tree was so happy that he didn't feel the blows from the axe that cut him to the ground. And when they put him into the sled, he was still happy. The little boy called to his father: "It sounds as if the little tree was singing when the wind blows through its branches." And the little tree laughed delightedly.

A SANTA CLAUS FOR KEEPS

Babs was such a little girl to be disappointed at Christmas, but there seemed no other way.

Her mother called her to the bedside. "Babs, darling," she began softly, "Christmas will soon be here."

The little girl's eyes shone. "It won't be the same this year, darling. There won't be any presents, or well — anything."

"No Santa Clause?"

"You're going on five, Babs. Try to understand. What we call Santa Claus is really just the love people have for each other at Christmas." Her voice trailed off in a fit of coughing. "That pillow — there — now I can breathe. It isn't I don't love you, darling. I just can't do things this Christmas."

"Why, Mummy, you're crying."

"No, no I'm not. See? Why don't you run out and play a bit? Get your coat and rubbers."

Babs went out into the snow very thoughtful. A group of children were playing down the block. But she did not want company. She turned the other way.

Of course there was a Santa Claus. Hadn't he come last year? And all her playmates — he came to them, too. How could Mummy be so mistaken?

She hadn't intended to come so far. It was fun walking on the crisp, [illegible] And there, ahead, [illegible] brightly coloured [illegible] greenery on lamp [illegible] might know whether [illegible] was a Santa Claus.

"What's she want, Bill?"

"I can't just get it. Something or other about Santa Claus."

"Why, sure, kid. Just down the block. He's ringing a little bell."

The men laughed, and Babs laughed too. Santa Claus! She would find Santa Claus.

Then she saw him, all dressed in red and with a long white beard. He was sitting by a big red box, and every now and then someone would drop money into it. Babs stood for a long time watching, fascinated by the red-clad figure.

At last the Santa Claus noticed her, and for a while he watched her, too, without speaking. It had started snowing again, great soft flakes. Suddenly Babs realized that she was cold, that she didn't dare to talk to Santa Claus, and that she didn't even know her way home. She began to cry.

The tinkling stopped, and the Santa Claus came over. "What's the matter?" he asked gently She let him lead her back to the big red box. He took her up on his lap, and gave her the little bell to ring. Slowly she told her story. Mummy, who was so sick, had said there wasn't any Santa Claus this year. Babs took care of Mummy. She didn't know how to get home, but it was down that way some place.

"I think I had better see if we can't find your Mummy," Santa Claus declared. "She's probably worried about you."

They found the right neighbourhood with no great difficulty. Babs insisted that Santa Claus come in, "to show Mummy there really is a Santa Claus", and he agreed. Then things began happening. There was a doctor, and a nurse, and Babs must be quiet, and mustn't see Mummy — not for days. Through it all Santa Claus kept coming back, only without the beard or red suit.

Until Christmas, that is, and then he came dressed as she had seen him first, even to the little bell, and with a big red box full of toys for her. And as an even grander present, he said that Mummy was well enough to sit up.

He was very tender to Mummy, and carried her gently to the big chair that was ready for her. Babs was sure that Mummy looked prettier than she had ever seen her.

"My," said Babs, "I wish you could stay here forever."

And the Santa Claus man answered very gravely, "Thank you, Babs. There is nothing I should like better."

But he wasn't looking at Babs. It was more as though he were talking to Mummy. Babs didn't think to wonder why.

Anyway, Mummy was smiling, and that made Christmas perfect.

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DOUBT AS TO DATE

It is not definitely known when Christmas was first celebrated. The institution of the festival is attributed to Telesphorus, who flourished in the reign of Antonius Pius (131-161 A.D.). This, however, is not historical.

It has often been objected that December 25 cannot be the true date of the birth of Christ, for it is then the rainy season in Palestine and shepherds would scarcely have been watching their sheep by night in the fields. The reason for the final choice of December 25 cannot now be determined. A widespread feast of the Great Mother may have influenced the decision, also the desire to place a Christian feast in opposition to the Roman feast of "Sol invectus" at the winter solstice.

The Germans held their great Yule feast in commemoration of the return of the fiery sun, and many of the beliefs and usages of the old Germans and Romans relating to this matter passed from heathenism to Christianity and have survived to the present day. As Christianity spread, the feast of the winter solstice, the time when the days begin to lengthen, and light to triumph over darkness, was changed into the Feast of Christ, the Light of Life.

SANTA IS UP-TO-DATE

Santa Claus is a decidedly progressive old chap. He keeps strictly abreast of the times, and in his work employs only modern-day methods. Once he went plodding over the fields in a sleigh no faster than reindeers could gallop. It took him a long time but he managed to make the rounds.

Then came the automobile. Santa got a big red one and hitched trailers on behind. He could get around faster. He carried bigger loads, got to more homes and made more children happy. When airplanes flew over the North Pole Santa got another idea. He believed that planes would be better for his long trips and for skipping from housetop to housetop. He is hardly built for an air pilot, but nobody flies faster nor farther than plump, old Santa.

He does not fancy zeppelins, but he is sure that in another year or two he may be able to broadcast Christmas to the children by radio. As soon as carriers are invented to fly through the air, directed and landed by radio energy, old Santa will sit on his mountain of northern ice and broadcast an up-to-date Christmas to all the world.

WAS ONCE UNIMPORTANT

The city of Bethlehem, birthplace of Jesus Christ, was considered least important among ancient Palestine towns before the Nativity. But tradition has it that the birthplace of Jesus was desecrated by a pagan temple of Adonis before the Emperor Constantine built the Basilica of the Nativity in A.D. 330. The basilica is one of the oldest churches in Christendom and has a history 1,600 years old. The original building is still staniding but it has been altered by additions.

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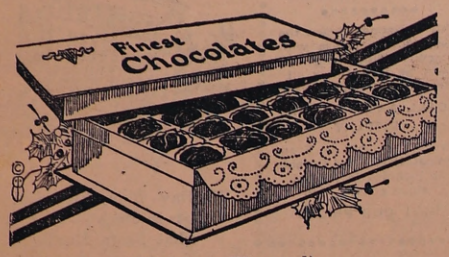

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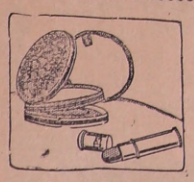

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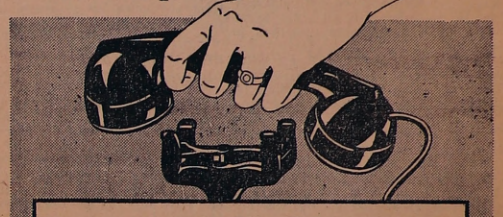

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Bylaw No. 470

A by-law to provide for taking a vote of the Municipal Electors under the Local Government Extension Act, 1940.

Whereas it is considered desirable and expedient to obtain the opinion of the Electors pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Local Government Extension Act, 1940,

Be it therefore enacted by the Council of The Municipality of the Village of Stirling as follows:

1. The votes of the duly qualified electors of the Corporation of the Village of Stirling shall be taken on the said question at the same time and at the same place as the annual election for the Municipal Council for the year 1941 and the Returning officer and Deputy Returning Officer appointed to hold the said Election shall take the vote.

2. On Friday preceding the first Monday of January, 1941, at ten o'clock in the forenoon the Head of the Council for the summing up of the Votes by the Clerk shall appoint one person to attend at each polling place on behalf of persons interested in voting in the affirmative on the said question and a like number on behalf of the persons interested in and voting in the negative on the said question.

3. That at the same time and place that he publicly declares the results of the Municipal Election of the Council for the year 1941, the Clerk shall publicly declare the results of the voting of the electors on the said question.

The form of ballot paper to be used in taking the said vote shall be as follows:

Note:

The Electors shall vote by making an "X" opposite either Yes or No, January 6th, 1941, voting upon the following question:

Are you in favour as a war-time measure under the Local Government Extension Act., 1940, of the Municipal Council elected for 1941 holding office for the term of two years?

Yes .....

No .....

5. That the procedure to be taken for such voting shall, with such variations as may be necessary, be the procedure prescribed for use in voting at Annual Municipal Elections and shall conform in all respects to section 280 of the Municipal Act.

6. This by-law shall come into force and take effect immediately from and after the final passing thereof.

Passed this 2nd day of December, 1940.

Certified to be a true copy, and if the assent of the Electors is favourable, the by-law will be taken into consideration by the Council after the expiration of one month from December 2nd, 1940, namely January 6th, 1941.

Wm. C. West, Reeve — Geo. H. Luery, Clerk

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CHRISTMAS A YEAR LATE

"Tomorrow's Christmas day, tomorrow's Christmas day," little Dorothy was singig as she was prancing about the dingy apartment. She'd stop to roll up the sleeves that were continually slipping down over her hands. No wonder they didn't stay up, for the dress was one that Helen, two years older, had outgrown. Mother had meant to make it over, but she was too tired when she got home from cleaning house for other people all day.

"Hush up, Dorothy. Mother will be coming in pretty soon, and she'll cry if we say anything about Christmas," Helen reminded her.

"I don't see why. Christmas is a time to laugh, and not to cry," Dorothy responded philosophically.

"Don't you remember last Christmas, and how daddy didn't come home with our packages?" Helen couldn't believe that even so little a sister as Dorothy should forget that. For daddy had never been heard from since that Christmas eve.

As Dorothy started to reply, Helen warned her: "Sh—, there comes mother,' 'and the youngsters were silent when she entered. Mrs. Bond, tired and absorbed in her own anxious thoughts, did not heed their unchildlike quiet. Her apathy had developed that trait in them, and she was unaware of what her sorrow was doing to her children. She busied herself with the simple meal, and Dorothy's faint, "Mother, is Santa coming tonight?" was the cause of her only break: "My poor baby, I'm afraid Santa doesn't even know you exist," she sobbed. She was getting them into bed, and they were soon asleep, their pillows wet with their tears that Santa was not coming. Too tired to sew, and in deepest depression, Mrs. Bond was roused from her inert brooding by a rap at the door.

A caller was unheard of. No one came to see her, for she had repelled all kindly offers of assistance when her husband disappeared. She ignored the knock. When it came again it was a significant signal, two short raps, repeated three times. Her husband's knock!

Quivering with excitement, she moved toward the door. Her fingers were trembling so that she could hardly turn the key. The door opened, and she gasped, "Tom!" as the sturdy, well-dressed man exclaimed, "Barbara!" and took her in his arms. Then, after a long embrace, he led her to the big chair she had just quitted, and drew her on his lap while they talked together.

"I left you Christmas eve to do the last-minute shopping. But an icicle struck my head, and knocked me unconscious. I couldn't remember who I was or where I lived. I went to a hotel and after a few days got work as a salesman. I told my boss my predicament, and he has been very kind. Today, Christmas shopping somehow brought back to me who and what I was. And I couldn't wait to find you!"

"But how did you ever trace us?" Barbara asked. "I thought I left no clues. I thought you had deserted me, when we found you weren't an accident case."

"Deserted you? You? My poor child," and he drew her close again. "I did have a heck of a time, but old Jack, the baggage man, finally told me where you had moved to. But now we must get ready for last year's Christmas. And next week we'll get out of this hovel."

Tom's affluence was apparent.

"My dear, my dear. I don't mind the hovel, now that you are safely home," Barbara whispered.

"All right, Babs, old girl. But stop crying down my neck if you are really glad to have me back," but his tender kiss belied his poking words.

Minister Replies To Cheese Board

The following is a letter received by F. R. Mallory, Secretary Belleville Cheese Board, from Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, Ottawa, in response to a resolution passed by the Board suggesting that a bonus be given to overcome increase in cost of cheese production due to depletion of hired help and increase in living costs.

Ottawa, Ontario,
December 4th, 1940

F. R. Mallory, Esq.,
Secretary,
Belleville Cheese Board of Trade,
Stirling, Ont.

Dear Mr. Mallory:

I have yours of November 28th, and appreciate greatly the tone in which it is written, and also the manner in which the Belleville Cheese Board of Trade has put the whole question.

I have no doubt that you have the whole picture in mind but it will do no harm to recall one or two of our past experiences.

Without going into detail I think it is correct to say that we did in Canada put forth an effort toward the end of the last war to maintain a very high price for cheese. Our main competitor of that time who shipped considerably less cheese to Britain than we, namely, New Zealand, was not so much concerned about price for the time being as we were. They stepped into the market and supplied a very much larger percentage than they had been previously supplying. The result of their actions, coupled with our own, was that from that time down to very recently there has been a constant reduction in the amount of cheese supplied from Canada, and a constant increase in the amount supplied from New Zealand. It is not our desire to take anything away from another Dominion, but I have felt ever since coming to Ottawa that we should put forth some effort to get back our fair share of that market. We have, therefore, been encouraging production in every way possible, including the payment of a premium on the best grades of cheese and a payment on part of the cost of placing better equipment in these factories.

We did also put on, through the Department of Trade and Commerce, a very strong advertising campaign in Great Britain. Our efforts have resulted in cheese production being constantly upward for the last four years, until today we are producing one-third more cheese than we were five or six years ago. Not only are we producing one-third more, but we are marketing a great deal more in the British market.

When the cheese producers approached me last year they asked the price of 18c a pound. I pointed out to them at that time that it would not only be unreasonable but unwise to submit any such price to the British Government. It would put us right back where we were at the end of the last war. I felt that in the e[illegible] this would result in our losing the [illegible]ish market.

The year has demonstrated [illegible] position taken was a wise one. [illegible] finally accepted 14c and increased production and increased marketing in Britain has been the result.

When we went over this year we suggested to the British Government that we were prepared to supply them with cheese in at least the volume of last year, and would like if possible to increase this volume. We asked them to work out for us the best possible price and suggested that it would be helpful if they could increase it by 1c net at Montreal, making the price 15c instead of 14c. The officials in Britain spent a day or two upon the matter and eventually came back and said that the most thehy could give us was 14.4c, which placed us on an equality with others who are delivering cheese to that market, after taking into consideration the fact that we receive a premium on our cheese in Britain over the price which New Zealand receives. We thought it wise to accept that offer which, I think, taken from the British point of view, is all that we could ask for, more particularly at a time when Britain is faced with such difficulties as are confronting her.

If more must go to the farmer for cheese in order to provide for production, then it will have to come, as you suggest, from the Treasury of Canada. That is why I appreciate the tone of your letter.

I do not think that those who are criticizing the Agreement which was made with Great Britain are helping the cheese industry in Canada. If there must be further consideration it should not be on the basis that 14.4 is not the price that we ought to have under the circumstances, but on the basis that the farmer cannot produce in Canada at that price owing to conditions which exist here. If something must be done in relation to labour in order to make delivery at 14.4 a possibility, then that is a matter which should be dealt with in Canada, and not given as a reason for criticizing the agreement.

If we are permitting unreasonable things to happen in connection with labour as a result of our desires to get greater production of something else, then that is a matter which should be met here. I would, therefore, suggest that the proper approach to a question of that kind is a compilation of facts dealing with the situation existing on the farm brought about by something which is happening in other directions which has nothing directly to do with agriculture itself.

I do not think that anyone can establish a case for higher price on cheese on the basis of present feed costs, unless it be mill feeds.

I would, therefore, suggest that organizations which are interested in helping with the present situation might do so by getting all the facts related to other activities, and can assure you that we will be co-operating in every way toward that end.

I am asking my officials to secure all available information in order that we can have it in proper form at the right time. We would welcome any assistance from you in that direction.

Yours sincerely,
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STRANGER IN TOWN

Jim saw Joan first as she stopped in at DuVall's grocery.

"Mother wants a T-bone steak, the kind she always gets, and a pound of bacon." Her voice was that delightfully husky kind.

Jim, having finished his purchase, got out his money slowly, counted up the amount of his purchases and looked over his change carefully before he pocketed it.

She looked like a grand girl. He wished he knew her. But he was a stranger in the big city, and he'd have to wait. Couldn't rush things with a girl like that. And perhaps she had a boy friend already. Unconsciously he slowed down at the corner of his apartment building. Stupid, to have to eat all alone, the night before Christmas.

Jim turned to look back at the store he had just left, and found that the girl had overtaken him.

"Hello, there, you going my way?" he asked. "I'm a stranger in town, and it's mighty lonesome at Christmas—"

But the girl, with a cool, "Excuse me, please," hurried on.

Jim's cheeks burned. He hadn't meant to be fresh, really.

He turned the corner and entered the doorway of his apartment. Then he saw the girl the third time. She was just opening the door and going up the stairs. She lived in the same building with him!

He ate his solitary supper in his one-room kitchenette apartment. Then what was there to do? His first Christmas away from home. His job here was so new that he hadn't dared to ask for time off to go home. Well, he supposed he could go to a show.

But when Jim got out onto Deleware Place he almost changed his mind. A snow had begun to fall, a heavy, leisurely snow with big flakes that made a thick carpet on the streets and sidewalks, already icy from the drizzle of the afternoon. He hesitated a minute about starting out on such a night, then thinking of the lonely room he had just left, he shrugged his shoulders and started up the street.

With his head down, he trudged through the snow, plowing his way with difficulty against the strong wind. Too late he saw a dark figure directly in front of him. There was a bump, and a crash as an armful of packages landed on the sidewalk. Startled, Jim looked into the face of the girl he was thinking about! His face red with embarrassment, he picked up the bundles. His a[illegible] was quite incoherent.

Strange to say, the girl la[illegible] amusedly. "Why go around ba[illegible] into people this way? It's just [illegible] luck, Christmas eve, to have [illegible] bundles all scattered, and", a[illegible] ruefully, "some of them broken."

"Say, that's a shame. You must let me replace anything tha[illegible] broken," Jim insisted. "Really, I [illegible] fully sorry about this. I was fa[illegible] the snow and had my head down. I'll never forgive myself if you don't let me do this last-minute shopping with you. I am Jim Sheridan, from Dubuque, working for the Times."

"Well, I'm Joan Seigfred. I've been feeling sorry for the way I squelched you a while ago. So I'm glad of a chance to say so." Her eyes were bright and sparkling.

Walking down the busy streets with a pretty girl, replacing Christmas decorations that had been smashed in the fall, and being allowed to help put them on the tree later, was a lot better than going to a show alone. And when Joan's cheerful, friendly mother asked the homesick lad to have dinner with them next day, Jim felt that he was no longer a friendless stranger in a big city, and that Christmas was a time of peace and good will, after all.

HOUSE ADJOURNS UNTIL FEB. 17; TWO BILLS PASSED

Parliamentarians were free on Saturday for a long recess, leaving the government with scores of suggestions for improving its prosecution of the war effort and bettering conditions for the Canadian people. After adopting only two legislative measures, both concerned with the government's war emergency program for conservation of foreign exchange, the House of Commons adjourned until February 17, subject to recall at any time in case of an emergency. The Senate adjourned until March 4.

The session, which opened November 7, was occupied almost entirely with a full dress debate on Canada's war effort. This had precedence over other business from November 12 to December 3 inclusive.

THE GLAMOUR OF CHRISTMAS

Betty Price dabbed a spot of rouge on each cheek, touched the places lightly for a natural effect, then dipped in the perfume bottle and rubbed the back of he small ears.

Tilting black the blurred mirror, she surveyed herself critically. The effect seemed entirely satisfactory. Betty sighed ecstatically. "I look like a million dollars," she breathed. "I — I can almost convince myself that I am a great lady tonight."

Carefully her silver-slippered feet descended the narrow stairs. She must get away as quickly as possible. What would the unromantic Mr. and Mrs. James Barstow say if they saw the Cinderella of their kitchen arrayed in garments like these Betty chuckled at the thought. They would think she had gone crazy if they found out that she had spent a whole month's salary to rent the things she was wearing, and to buy a ticket for the opera. "But they never will find out," she told herself, as she carefully closed the back door behind her.

At the corner, she waited for a cab. On the way down, she heard the voice of Christmas everywhere. She saw its symbols in shop windows; in arches of green and red strung across the streets. She told herself [illegible] must be the Christmas feeling in [illegible] made her do this daring [illegible] was utterly ridiculous to dress up like a great lady, but one had to be different at Christmas. And life had been pretty dull for Betty since she had to accept the work she was doing. It offered very little inspiration.

The story of the opera took her back to a medieval world. In a few moments she was completely lost in its atmosphere, so much so that she failed to notice that the man seated at her right was sending admiring glances in her direction. When the curtain went up, he leaned over and spoke.

"I love this," he said simply.

"I oo, too," Betty answered, with a little catch in her voice. It seemed incredible that he was speaking to her. He was really acting as if she belonged. By the time the curtain went up again they were calling each other Prince and Princess: taking the names of the two leading characters on the stage.

As the great drama moved to its close Betty tried to hurry away. She didn't want her Prince to find out what an impostor she was. But he had taken hold of her arm. "Couldn't we go and have some coffee?" he suggested. "I know I'm a stranger to you, but — but it's Christmas, and —"

"I should say 'no'," Betty told herself. "I should even tell him the truth about myself." Instead, she accompanied him to the coffee shop across the street. She couldn't deny herself this one hour of happiness. After it was over, well — Betty would not let her thoughts go further.

She almost forgot that she was playing a part as they sat together. They seemed to have so much in common. He had read widely — the type of books she liked; he took an interest in so many things she liked; seemed to be as romantic and visionary as herself. But he spoke no word to indicate that he wanted to see her again. She had been foolish to expect it.

Gloom enveloped the world for Betty next morning. As if to add to her sumiliation and misery, a clogged-up drain was sending oozy brown water back into the sink. Her feet dragged across the floor as she answered the plumber's knock.

Then the world spun dizzily around her for a moment. A rush of joy, of wonder, lifted her heart. Her Prince was standing in the doorway, his evening clothes replaced by clean blue overalls, his good-looking face wrinkled in bewilderment.

"I—I thought you were—" he stammered.

"And I — I thought you were —" Betty gasped in answer.

When explanations were over, a make-believe Prince and Princess were wondering if Christmas wasn't the very nicest time for a wedding ceremony.

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The Annual Meeting of Evergreen Cheese and Butter Co. will be held at the factory on Wednesday, December 18th, at 1 o'clock (S.T.) for the transaction of general business.
17-1p S. Danford, President

MAPLE LEAF CHEESE CO.

The Annual Meeting of Maple Leaf Cheese Co. will be held at the factory on Saturday, December 14th, at 1.00 p.m., sharp (S.T.) for the transaction of general business.
17-1 W. S. Stiles, Pres

PLUM GROVE CHEESE CO.

The Annual Meeting of Plum Grove Cheese Co. will be held at the Orange Hall, Wellmans, on Thursday, December 19th, at 1.00 p.m. (S.T.) for the transaction of general business.
17-1 Robt. Wallace, Pres.

W. H. CHEESE COMPANY

The annual meeting of West Huntingdon Cheese and Butter Co. will be held in the Orange Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 17th, at one o'clock (S.T.) for the transaction of general business.
Morley Haggerty, Auditor — Geo. F. Cooke, President 16-2

SHAMROCK CHEESE CO

The Annual Meeting of Shamrock Cheese Company will be held at the factory on Monday, Dec. 23rd, 1940, at 1.00 o'clock (S.T.) for the transaction of general business.
17-2 Thos. Donohoe, President

Springbrook Cheese and Butter Company

Springbrook Cheese and Butter Co. will hold their Annual Meeting at the factory on Tuesday, Dec. 17th, 1940, at 1.00 p.m., for the transaction of general business.
17-1 Geo. E. Thompson, Pres.

STERLING CHEESE AND BUTTER COMPANY

The Annual Meeting of the Stirling Cheese and Butter Manufacturing Co. will be held at the factory on Friday, Dec. 20th, 1940, at the hour of 1.00 o'clock, (S.T.) for the purpose of settling up the season's business, election of officers and any other business that may come before the meeting.
17-2 J. B. Thompson, Pres.

BONARLAW

On Tuesday evening of last week Group No. 3 of Springbrook Women's Institute sponsored a dance in the Orange Hall at Springbrook, the proceeds being for the War Charities Fund. Owing to the inclement weather and bad roads the attendance was smaller than usual but all report a splendid time. Austin's orchestra furnished music and Mr. Herb Jones acted as floor manager. The ladies provided a bountiful lunch.

On Tuesday evening of this week, owing to resignations, Mr. Chas. Lough was installed as Vice-Grand to Springbrook Lodge No. 428, and Mr. Hiram Mumby as Treasurer. The ceremony was performed by Past District Deputy Grand Master Wm. J. Barlow, assisted by Past D.D.G.M. J. F. Baker, who acted as Marshall; Past Grand Roy Brown, District Dep. Grand Treasurer, and Mr. Thos. H. Prest, District Dep. Warden. At the close of the session lunch was served and a social evening, with games, etc., was enjoyed.

On Tuesday afternoon of this week a special meeting of Springbrook Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. J. F. Baker, dinner being served by Mrs. Grenville Melklejohn, assisted by Mrs. W. J. Barlow, the purpose of the dinner being the demonstration of the cooking and serving vegetables and salads. The dinner was a splendid success, but the attendance was somewhat less than had been expected.

Mrs. Frank Upton and family left on Wednesday of last week for Quebec City to join her husband, Cpl. Frank Upton of the C.A.S.F., stationed at Val Cartier, Que.

STANWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stewart spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rowe.

Miss Iva Rowe spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Lain.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rowe visited Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Kerr at Petherick Corners on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Anderson visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill McComb on Sunday.

Mr. Morley Irvin spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Carman Redden.

Rev. Young, of Wolfe Island, will be the Minister for Stanwood beginning the first of the year.

Smallpox is making its calls in the vicinity.

Mr. Harold Brunton and children; Mr. Harold Simpson and children; also Mr. and Mrs. Alf Wright and children, were tea guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Brien on Thursday.

BETHEL

Owing to the stormy weather no League was held on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Morrow spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Elliott.

A large crowd attended church on Sunday morning. Mrs. Will Heath rendered a solo. Rev. Jas. Beckel and Carman had dinner at the home of Mrs. Harry Preston.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Warren, of Frankford spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Warren.

IVANHOE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The December meeting of Ivanhoe W. I. met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Sills, West Huntingdon. The meeting opened with Community singing, followed by the Institute Ode and the members repeating the Lord's Prayer. In the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. Foster Wilson called the roll, which was answered by a donation of wearing apparel for a needy school-child. Most of the members responded with a gift. During the business period, it was decided to send $3[illegible] to Stirling Christmas Tree Fund a[illegible] $4.00 to the teacher of Gunter S[illegible] $[illegible] to buy needed clothing for her [illegible] Arrangements were made for [illegible] programme and entertainment for [illegible] annual "At Home" on January 14.

[illegible]ss Georgie Pitman read a splendid [illegible] of Current Events. The meet[illegible] was taken over by the local lead[illegible] of Vegetable Cookery, namely Mrs. J. M[illegible]nroy and Annie Cook. This was an excellent demonstration which covered [illegible] three-quarters of an hour, and proved to be very interesting and beneficial.

After tasting the cooked vegetable chowder and escalloped cabbage, etc., the meeting was closed with the singing of the National Anthem. The hostess served a cup of tea with sliced fruit loaf, also filled cookies.

MRS. R. W. THOMPSON

Grace Eliza Burkitt, beloved wife of R. Wesley Thompson, died suddenly at her home in Teeswater on Dec. 5, 1940. She was born May 3rd, 1867, in Rawdon Township, the second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Burkitt. On Feb. 22nd, 1893, she was married to R. W. Thompson. The greater part of her life was spent in Hastings and Prince Edward County. In 1925 they moved to Teeswater. The funeral was held in Teeswater United Church on Sudnay, Dec. 8th. The text of the sermon was taken from the thirty-first chapter of Proverbs, 28-28: "She looketh well to the ways of her household. Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."

Left to mourn are her husband, R. W. Thompson, and six sons: Will, Roy, Earl and Carman, of Teeswater, Robert of Mildmay and Leslie of Philadelphia, Penn.; two sisters, Mrs. Jas. Seymour, Peterboro, and Mrs. A. P. Williams, Springbrook. The late Mrs. T. J. Thompson, Springbrook, also a sister, predeceased her ten years ago, and one brother, John, died as a young man in Killarney, Man. The following sent floral tributes: Husband; The Family; The Grandchildren; The T. J. Thompson family; Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Williams; Mrs. James Thompson and family; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Munro; Hazel, Gladys and Jessie Williams and Hulda Leizert; Mr. and Mrs. Blondie and Mr. and Mrs. Porter and family; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Helwig; Bert, Roy, Jud and Irene Jackson; Mrs. Luella Armstrong; Mr. and Mrs. A. Hanshaw; Teeswater Creamery Staff and Dr. McKee; Mildmay Creamery Staff; Teeswater Lodge A.F. & A.M.; Springbrook Lodge I.O.O.F. No. 429; Teeswater Lodge I.O.O.F. No. 183; Coronation Rebekah Lodge No. 318; Volunteer Civil Guard; Rodway-Ganton Ltd.; Mr. Ronald Chisholm.

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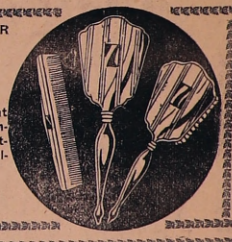

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LADIES' NIGHT AT LOCAL CLUB

The Annual Ladies' Night of the Stirling Community Welfare Club was held in the Community Hall on Tuesday evening, with about one hundred of the members and their lady friends in attendance.

The programme, presented by H. L. Fair and his committee, featured John Deacon, talented tenor soloist of Belleville; "quizz" contests and a number of fun-provoking stunts, all of which was much enjoyed by the gathering.

The ladies of the local branch of the Women's Institute were the caterers and the meeting was presided over by President Ernest Sarles. Mr. R. W. Meikiejohon acted as Sergeant-at-arms, while community singing was conducted by Arthur Duncan, with Fred Houchin at the piano.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Mr. Thos. W. Solmes, and was adopted. Following is a list of the officers for the coming year.

President — "Bob" Patterson.
Vice-Pres. — H. R. Tompkins.
Secretary — H. E. Hulin.
Treasurer — J. E. O'Donnell.
Membership — S. L. Lucas, E. G. Bailey, L. Bailey, C. Clancy, J. Morrison, Fred Campbell, A. Duncan, Ivan Sarles.
Programme — F. R. Mallory, H. L. Fair, J. L. Good, C. I. Hatton, D. Williams, C. Macklin.
Social — T. W. Solmes, H. Moore, H. Wells, E. Green, N. E. Eggleton.
Decorating — E. Mundy, C. Wells, B. Bell.
Welfare and Sick — Clergy and the Past President.
Organist — Fred Houchin.
Song Leader — A. Duncan.
Sergt-at-Arms — appointed at each meeting.

L. O. B. A. ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

On Tuesday evening the annual meeting of L.O.B.A. No. 655, Stirling, was held. A good attendance was present. During the business, with Sis. Vera Mitts, W.M., in charge, $5.00 was granted to the True Blue Orange Home. Sis. Daisy Kent reported visiting the sick and remembering them with fruit. The lucky draw was won by Sis. V. Emmons. Sis. Bronson presented all bills and correspondence, after which Sis. Mitchell gave a full report of the financial statement.

Following are the officers for 1941:
P.W.M. — Sis. Vera Mitts.
W.M. — Sis. Daisy Kent.
D.M. — Sis. Laura Gould.
Chap. — Sis Mina Wilson.
Rec. Sec. — Sis. Luella Bronson.
Treas. — Sis. Eva Mitchell.
Dir. of C. — Sis. Nelta Mitchell.
Inner G. — Sis. Effie Francis.
Guardian — Sis. Gertie Cooke.
Deg. C. — Sis. Bessie Rodgers.
Fin. Sec. — Sis. M. Thompson.
1st Lec. — Sis. Helen Reid.
2nd Lec. — Sis. Lulu Juby.
1st Com. — Sis. Viola Emmons.
2nd Com. — Sis. Grace Cranston.
Pianist — Sis. Vera Mitts.
Auditors — Sis. V. Emmons and Sis. Grace Cranston.

At the close of the installation Sis. Kent. presented Sis. Mitts with a Lodge Jewel in appreciation for her excellent services during the past year. Sis. Mitts thanked the Sisters for their loyal co-operation during her term of office. Though Sis. Mitts lives out of town, she attended every lodge meeting during the year; also the Treasurer, Sis. Eva Mitchell, attended every meeting. After singing the National Anthem, a dainty lunch was served to the lodge members and their men folk.

STIRLING W.I. MEETS

The December meeting of the W. I. was held in the Community Hall on Thursday afternoon of last week with a good attendance. Mrs. W. H. Cooke presided, opening the meeting with the Institute Ode, Lord's Prayer and "The Maple Leaf." Mrs. J. J. Wilson presided at the piano, with the assistant song-leader, Mrs. H. Rodgers, leading in the singing. Mrs. P. Bronson, Sec., called the roll, it being "What I have done for the sick and needy." Some of the responses were as follows' one lady knit 9 pairs of socks for W. I. and Red Cross since July, gave nursing assistance to a sick one and took them to the hospital; another supplied a needy one with fresh vegetables during the summer; two gave boxes of clothing in the neighbourhood; another elderly lady makes it her business to visit all she can who are ill or shut in.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and the same were approved. The Treasurer, Mrs. R. Woodbeck, reported on the latest activities and reported a bank balance of $226.29. Bills were presented and ordered paid.

The Government grant was again requested. Moved by Mrs. W. West, seconded by Mrs. Woodbeck that $5.00 be given toward the Christmas Tree Fund. Moved by Mrs. O'Donnell, seconded by Mrs. Woodbeck, that $5.00 and a box of dainties be given to a needy friend. Several who were ill were remembered by a box of fruit.

W. Heath, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Heath, was added to the overseas soldiers' list to receive socks and smokes. Letters of acknowledgement were read from a Tobacco Co. on the receipt of a $14.00 order for cigarettes already sent to "Our Boys" overseas. Mrs. E. Dainard expressed thanks in Stanley's behalf for the treat he received from the W.I. It was decided to hold the January meeting a week later, the 10th. Mrs. Meggison, leader of the training school in "Meat Cooking", will present the most interesting part of the program. The Welfare Club banquet on "Ladies' Night," received careful arrangements. Buying Committees of Mrs. O'Donnell and Mrs. West; table committee, Miss Gena Spry and Mrs. M. Ward; buying of fruit and gifts, Mrs. W. H. Cooke and Mrs. P. Bronson, were appointed. Mrs. Bronson was chairman for the brief program. A Christmas reading entitled "Empty Arms," was given by Mrs. H. Rodgers, as follows:

You came to us one lovely day in June,
Like first pale buds that through the lattice crept;
You stole into our hearts and nestled there.
We held you dear, and watched you as you slept.
'Twas such a little while we kept you Dear,
For one short year your smile made Heaven of home;
And now we sit with aching tear-dimmed eyes,
Alone with memories of the child who's gone.
How we have missed your winning, baby smile,
The sunshine always glinting in your hair,
The toys that once were strewn around the floor.
Oh, can it be no more we'll see them there?
God knew the trials you would have to meet,
As o'er the tortuous path of life you moved,
He knew where stones would bruise your tender feet —
He took you in His arms — the babe we loved.
And though our lips move dumbly as we strive
To say "Dear God in Heaven, Thy will be done",
We know He holds you safe forever, Dear,
Within His care, our loving little one!
And now the Christmastide is drawing nigh,
When hearts of little children should be glad:
"How can we live it through?" I sadly cry,
"With only memories of the joy we had?"
And then I hear a voice so soft and mild,
The tumult of my aching heart to quell.
"Go," make the hearts of other children glad,
In memory of the child you loved so well."

Mrs. Woodbeck made her contribution toward the program by demonstrating and exhibiting several kinds of dainty cookies and candy, giving receipts for same. These were later served and proved delicious.

Mrs. M. Ward gave a patriotic reading, "We must unite." The special feature of the afternoon was the drawing of Christmas gifts. The tables were appropriately dressed for the occasion, adorned with green and red streamers, and a Christmas tree. All song "Grace" and enjoyed the appetizing food.

HONOURED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

The members of the Trail Rangers gathered at the home of Mr. Roy Juby to do honour to Earl Dafoe, who recently left for his new home in Windsor.

Stirling, Ontario,
November 28th, 1940

Dear Earl,—

It is with a feeling of deep regret that we are gathered here tonight. We regret that you are leaving our Trail Rangers Group, but we hope that the fellowship that you have enjoyed with us during the last ten months has been one that will not be forgotten in a short time. We have appreciated your willing and helpful spirit in all that we have undertaken to do, and you are going to be missed by your school chums, your friends and members of this Trail Ranger group.

We hope that as soon as your new home is settled you will immediately associate yourself with the Trail Rangers there, and endeavour to continue the training in Christian living that we have tried to cultivate in St. Andrew's, Stirling.

Now, as a token of the esteem with which you are held by this group, we would ask you to accept this little present. We hope that every time you have occasion to use it, you will remember your pals in Stirling.

On behalf of your Mentor and fellow members of the Queen's Own Trail Rangers — W. R. Juby, Mentor, Gordon Mitts, Don Hulin, Grant Montgomery, Glen Eggleton and Bob Tullough.

A Committee from St. Andrew's W.M.S. and Ladies' Aid waited upon Mrs. Lloyd Dafoe recently and presented her with an address and housecoat, prior to her departure to Windsor. The address follows:

Stirling, Ontario,
November 26th, 1940

Mrs. Lloyd Dafoe

Dear Friend and Fellow Worker,—

On behalf of the members of the Ladies' Aid and W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, we take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation for all you have done for us.

Your unselfish devotion to your church, especially the Ladies' Aid, has been an inspiration to us all.

We will miss you and your wee family very much, but, my dear Mrs. Dafoe, we feel sure you and yours will find plenty to do in your new home and church. We cannot get along without either of them.

Each one of us desires more than anything else that your health be restored to you soon again. Keep your chin up. You know, that's half the battle, so that you can and will take part in the work of your beloved church, along with the help of your dear ones.

So now we ask you to accept this bathrobe as a slight token of our esteem and may the wearing of it remind you of your friends and fellow-workers, here in St. Andrew's Church.

Signed on behalf of the members of the Ladies' Aid — Agnes Hammond, President; Isabel McIntosh, Helen Ray, Sec.; The W.M.S. — Gena Spry, assist. Pres.; Nora Ward and Ethel Hoard.

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Anyway, you'll be sorry if you don't get your Parents to come to Stirling on Saturday afternoon, December 14th, at 2 o'clock (D.S.T.), in time to do their shopping while you get a lot of fun out of things.

The Parade will be held as usual, and we are hoping the Stirling Ctizens' Band will be on hand, with the whole event in charge of the Committee. All Children who wish to receive Gifts must be in the Parade, which will form at the Stirling High School at 2 p.m. The Hydro Electric Commission, Men's Welfare Club, Business Men and Citizens have organized to make the necessary arrangements for this event — so make sure each one of you youngsters is on hand to get a share of the good things being planned.

And that isn't all!

Following the Parade and Programme at the Christmas Tree the Youngsters will be given a Free Show at the Stirling Theatre and thus enable the parents to do their Christmas Shopping. A first class movie has been obtained for this occasion and the children will be delighted with the entertainment.

So, whatever you do, don't be disappointed — get the folks at your house to bring you to Stirling — on Saturday, December 14th. Get into the parade at the High School at 2 o'clock, (D.S.T.

I'll be seeing you — I hope!

Yes, Sir! I'll be there, Kids! Haven't got much time to spare, but I'm sure going to be on hand for the

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Upper School — Grade XIII.

Baker, Chester — Trig., C.

Chard, John — Eng. Comp., 2nd; Eng. Lit., 1st; Mod. Hist., 1st; Trig., 2nd; Chem., 2nd.

Cranston, Edith — Eng. Comp., 2nd; Mod. Hist., C; Alg., 1st; Geom., 1st; Trig., 1st; Chem., 2nd; Fr. Auth., 1st; Fr. Comp., 2nd.

David, Phyllis — Mod. Hist., 1st; Alg., 1st; Geom., 1st; Trig., 2nd; Fr. Comp., C.

Detlor, Norma — Eng. Comp., 2nd; Eng. Lit., 1st; Alg., 2nd; Geom., 1st; Trig., 1st; Bot., 1st; Lat. Auth., 1st; Lat. Comp. 1st; Fr. Auth., 2nd; Fr. Comp., 2nd.

Hubble, Edna — Eng. Lit., 3rd; Mod. Hist., 2nd; Trig., C; Lat. Auth., C; Lat. Comp., 3rd; Fr. Auth., 2nd; Fr. Comp., C.

McGee, William — Alg., 2nd; Geom., 2nd; Trig., 1st; Zool., 2nd; Lat. Auth., C.; Lat. Comp., C; Fr. Auth., 1st; Fr. Comp., 3rd.

McKee, Maurietta — Eng. Lit., 2nd; Trig., 2nd; Zool., 2nd; Lat. Auth., 3rd; Lat. Comp., 1st; Fr. Auth., 1st; Fr. Comp., 2nd.

Matthews, Lillian — Eng. Comp., 2nd; Mod. Hist., 2nd; Bot., 3rd; Zool., 2nd; Lat. Auth., C; Latin Comp., 2nd.

Pyear, Russell — Eng. Lit., 3rd; Mod. Hist., C; Geom., C; Trig., C; Bot., 2nd; Zool., C; Lat. Auth., F; Lat. Comp., C.

Simmons, Peter — Eng. Comp., 1st; Trig., C.; Zool., 1st; Fr. Auth., 1st; Fr. Comp., C.

Sine, Edison — Eng. Comp., 2nd; Eng. Lit., 3rd; Mod. Hist., 1st; Geom., 2nd; Trig., 3rd; Bot., 2nd; Zool. 1st; Lat. Auth., F; Lat. Comp., 3rd.

Symons, Marion — Mod. Hist., 1st; Trig., 1st; Bot., 2nd; Lat. Auth., 1st; Lat. Comp., 1st; Fr. Auth., 1st; Fr. Comp., C.

Vanderwater, Alison — Eng. Lit., 1st; Mod. Hist., 1st; Trig., C; Bot., 1st; Zool., 2nd; Chem., 3rd; Fr. Auth., 1st; Fr. Comp., 3rd.

West, Marjorie — Eng. Comp., 2nd; Lat. Auth., C; Lat. Comp., 2nd.

Middle School — Grade XII.

Bailey, Helen — Eng. Lit., F; Eng. Comp., 3rd; Geom., F.

Baker, Chester — Geom., 1st; Fr., F; Lat. Auth., C; Lat. C., 3rd.

Barlow, Jean — Eng. Lit., C; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Geom., C; Agr. II., 2nd; Fr., 3rd; Lat. Au., 2nd; Lat. C., 2nd.

Belshaw, Molly — Eng. Lit., 2nd; Eng. Comp., 3rd; Agr. II., 2nd; Fr., 3rd; Lat. Au., 2nd; Lat. C., C.

Brady, Marjorie — Eng. Lit., F; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Geom. C; Agr. II., C; Fr., 2nd; Lat. Auth., F; Lat. C., 3rd.

Bush, Keitha — Eng. Lit., C; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Geom., 3rd; Agr. II., 1st; Fr., 1st; Lat. Au., 3rd; Lat. C., 1st.

Conley, Betty — Eng. Lit., C; Eng. C., 2nd; Geom., C; Agr. II., 2nd; Fr., F; Lat. Au., 3rd; Lat. C., C.

Finkle, Betty — Eng. Lit., 1st; Eng. Comp., 1st; Geom., 2nd; Agr. II., 3rd; Fr., 1st; Lat. Auth., 1st; Lat. C., 3rd.

Geen, Eva — Eng. Lit., 2nd; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Geom., 2nd; Agr. II., 1st; Fr., C; Lat. Au., 2nd; Lat. C., C.

Harding, Joy — Eng. Lit., 1st; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Geom., C; Agr. II., 2nd; Fr., 1st; Lat. Au., 3rd; Lat. C., 1st.

Hubble, Edna — Geom., C.

McKee, Marie — Geom., 2nd.

Nicolson, Greta — Eng. Lit., 3rd; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Agr. II., C.

Pidgeon, Clarke — Eng. Lit., C; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Geom., 1st; Agr. II., 1st; Fr., C; Lat. Auth., C; Lat. C., C.

Pidgeon, Dorothy — Eng. Lit., 1st; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Geom., 1st; Agr. II., 1st; Fr., 1st; Lat. Au., 2nd; Lat. C., 3rd.

Pidgeon, Pearla — Eng. Lit., 1st; Eng. Comp., 1st; Geom., 1st; Agr. II., 1st; Fr., 1st; Lat. Au., 1st; Lat. C., 1st.

Simmons, Peter — Lat. Au., 1st; Lat. C., 3rd.

Sine, Nina — Eng. Lit., 2nd; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Geom., 1st; Agr. II., 1st; Fr., 1st; Lat. Au., 2nd; Lat. C., 1st.

Tanner, Ray — Eng. Lit., C; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Geom., C; Agr. II., C.

Thompson, Doris — Eng. Lit., 2nd; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Geom., F; Agr. II., 1st; Fr., C; Lat. Auth., F; Lat. C., F.

ENTERTAINMENT AT ST. ANDREW'S

YOUNGER MEMBERS OF CONGREGATION HAVE ENJOYABLE TIME ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT

One of the most successful annual concerts in the history of the school was held in the basement of St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening. Each number on the program from the Opening Chorus to the little play entitled "Mrs. Santa Claus", at the end, received the hearty applause of the audience. Sympathetic enthusiasm on the part of the audience was very much in evidence. "The Story of Christmas", presented in verse by Roy Juby and the School, and including the singing of a number of Christmas Carols, was greatly enjoyed. The program was as follows: Opening chorus, by the School; address of welcome by Jimmy Gay; Recitation, "Christmas Wish," Eleanor Fox; Chairman's remarks; piano solo, Jean McIntosh; chorus, Senior girls; recitation, Caroline Rollins; Recitation, Doreen Fox; Rhythm Band, led by Miss Pitman; recitation, Ruth Tullough; recitation, Jimmie McIntosh; recitation, Eileen Gibson; chorus, "Boys do not want to go to S.S."; recitation, Dora Rodgers; recitation, Barbara Sarles; recitation, Isabelle Fox; Rhythm Band, Miss Grace Pitman; recitation, Mary Agnes Fox; recitation, Marion Mitts; "Story of Christmas", Roy Juby; duet, Arlene Tummon and Marilyn Eggleton; recitation, Margaret McIntosh; Mrs. Santa Claus' Skit; the arrival of Santa Claus.

The officers and teachers of the School feel deeply grateful to Miss Pitman and her rhythm band, and to Mrs. Clayton Tummon, accompanist.

NO T. V. HOCKEY LEAGUE

Due to the lack of representation at the Trent Valley Hockey League meeting held this week, it was decided that there are not enough teams interested to form a League. — Campbellford Herald.

Vance, Phyllis — Eng. Lit., 1st; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Geom., 2nd; Agr. II., 1st; Fr., 1st; Lat. Au., 1st; Lat. C., 1st.

Vandervoort, Ralph — Eng. Lit., C; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Geom., C.; Agr. II., 3rd; Fr., C; Lat. Auth., 2nd; Lat. C., III.

Walker, Rowan — Eng. Lit., 2nd; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Geom., C; Agr. II., C.

West, Marjorie — Geom., F; Agr. II., 1st.

Middle School — Grade XI.

Baker, Chester — Agr. I., 3rd.

Bailey, Helen — Anc. Hist., 2nd; Agr. I., C; Fr., 2nd; Lat., C.

Bastedo, Bert — Eng. Lit., F; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Anc. Hist., 1st; Alg. 3rd; Agr. I., 2nd; Fr., 3rd; Lat., C.

Bateman, Ada — Eng. Lit., C; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Anc. His., 3rd; Agr. I. F; Fr., F; Lat. (X) 1st; Math. (X), C; Agr. (X), 2nd.

Belshaw, Molly — Alg. C.

Campbell, Jean — Eng. Lit., 2nd; Eng. Comp., 3rd; Anc. Hist. 2nd; Agr. I., 2nd; Fr., 1st; Lat., C; Math (X), F.

Chapman, Mabel — Eng. Lit., 2nd; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Anc., Hist., 2nd; Alg. C; Agr. I., C; Fr., C; Lat. C.

Gay, Dorothy — Eng. Lit., 2nd; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Anc. Hist., 2nd; Agr. I., F; Fr., C; Lat., F; Math, (X), F.

Harding, Joy — Alg., 3rd.

Hick, Marion — Eng. Lit., C; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Anc. Hist., 3rd; Alg., F; Agr. I., C; Fr., C; Lat., C.

McGee, Madeline — Eng. Lit., F; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Anc. Hist., C; Alg., C; Agr. I., C; Fr., F; Lat., F.

McIntosh, Donald — Eng. Lit., 3rd; Eng. Comp., C; Anc. Hist., C; Alg., 3rd; Agr. I., 1st; Fr., F; Lat., F.

McKeown, Rena — Eng. Lit., 3rd; Eng. Comp., C; Anc. Hist., C; Alg., 1st; Agr. I., C; Lat., 3rd.

McLaren, Freida — Eng. Lit., 3rd; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Anc. Hist., 2nd; Alg., C; Agr. I., 2nd; Fr., 1st; Lat. 3rd.

Nicolson, Greta — Alg., F; Fr., F; Lat., F; Lat (X), 1st.

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People You Know

Mr. E. Munro, of Norwood, called on friends in Stirling on Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Scott, of New York, is a guest of her sister, Miss Eliza Donnan.

A|C W. J. Scott, of the R.C.A.F., Uplands, Ottawa, spent the week-end at his home here.

A|C Gerald Ward, of Trenton, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. M. Ward.

Miss J. Workman leaves tomorrow to spend the Christmas vacation at her home in Moosejaw, Sask.

A|C Jack Bailey, of the R.C.A.F., Brantford, is spending a two weeks' leave with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McLaren and Beverley, Frankford, spent the week-end with Mrs. M. Hawkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McGe[illegible] Mrs. L. Rodgers, Dora and Donald, [illegible]ted Walter Rodgers of the R.C.N., a patient in Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston, on Sunday.

Miss Grace Bowers, B.A., of Waterloo, who has been engaged to teach at the local High School, commencing on January 6th, was in town for a few days this week, familiarizing herself with the Latin and Home Economics Courses being taught at the school.

ANNUAL VISIT IS MADE BY SAN[illegible]

CLOSE TO ONE TH[illegible] CHILDREN IN PARAD[illegible] HERE SATURDAY AF[illegible]

Santa Claus has con[illegible] another year, so far a[illegible] Christmas Tree is [illegible] one t[illegible] say bo[illegible] ling and communi[illegible] the annual Parade [illegible] urday afternoon. He ca[illegible] guest of the Stirling [illegible] Christmas Tree Club and w[illegible] rousing welcome by the larg[illegible] assembled.

The weather was ideal for the [illegible] and shortly after the noon hou[r] children began to gather at the [illegible] School where the Parade Comm[ittee], composed of Messrs J. L. Good and E. R. Mundy, arranged them in groups according to size, to await the coming of Santa. Some one thousand bags containing candy, nuts, oranges, etc., were distributed and the youngsters were well pleased with the way Santa treated them.

A. E. Strickland, president of the Christmas Tree Club, marshalled the parade of children, while Santa, who had arrived by motor truck, walked with him. Several of the rural teachers assisted the committee in looking after the children during the parade. Leaving the school, the parade proceeded to Front Street, thence to Mill Street and the centre bridge, where a Christmas tree had been erected. Here a brief stop was made while Santa and his assistants distributed the bags to the children. After each child had received his or her gift, the parade was led to the Stirling Theatre, where a free show was provided for the children by the theatre management. During the parade recorded music featuring Christmas Carols, was broadcast over a loud speaker system erected at the Band Stand through the kindness of Mr. W. L. Fox and Mr. E. G. Bailey.

Every seat in the spacious theatre building was taken and even sta[nd]ing room was at a premium. The program included the usual "shorts" and the feature, starring Wm. Boyd in "The Law of the Pampas". While the children were enjoying themselves at the show the parents were left free to do their Christmas shopping, and the local merchants report business as being very good.

The event was very successful and the various committees in charge deserve every praise and are thankful to all who contributed to its success.

Following is a list of the officers in charge of the arrangements: President, A. Strickland; Sec.-Treas., N. E. Eggleton; School Committee, J. L. Good, C. A. Wells, L. Fair; Parade Committee, J. L. Good and E. R. Mundy; Purchasing Com., C. Macklin, A. C. Waymark, Walter Wright and H. Francis.

SUCCESSFUL DANCE

A successful dance was held in the Community Hall, last night, under the auspices of St. John's Men's Association. Music for round and square dancing was provided by the Melody Makers' Orchestra, of Tweed, and a good time was had by all. Refreshments were served at the midnight hour.

HONOUR MEMBERS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

On Tuesday evening members of the Stirling Badminton Club honoured two of their number, Misses E. Walt and Helen Lacey, who are soon to leave Stirling, at a social time held in the High School. The early part of the evening was spent in play, following which President Howard Lashbrook called the gathering to order and the guests of honour were each presented with an illuminated address and accompanying gift. Miss Dorothy Eggleton made the presentation of a bedroom lamp to Miss Walt and Miss M. Gray a silver pickle fork to Miss Lacey. Although taken completely by surprise, both recipients made suitable replies. Dainty refreshments were served and a social hour spent.

HIGH SCHOOL DEFEATS GLEN ROSS SQUAD

The opening of the hockey season locally took place at the Arena last night when Glen Ross and the High School clashed in an exhibition fixture, with the latter winning by a score of 9 to 4. The winners, who have had the advantage of several practices, showed superior condition and combination over their rivals, and [h]ad little difficulty in winning. The [sco]ring was well distributed among [the] winners, with Doug. Patterson [illegible] three, R. Walker and McGee [illegible] Vandervoort and Bastedo [illegible] Laverty was the high scor[e]rs with two, while Mc[illegible] Fras[er] got one each. [illegible]s were as follows:

[High Sch]ool — Goal, D. Bastedo; [defen]ce, Don McIntosh and R. Walk[er]; centre, Vandervoort; wings, D. Patterson and B. Bastedo; alternates, R. Pyear, McGee, Tanner, D. Wright and L. Sills.

Glen Ross — Goal, Hart; defence, Brown and Armstrong; centre, Laverty; wings, D. Pyear, Richardson; alternates, Hagerman, McDonnell, G. Pyear, W. Brooks, A. Fraser.

Referee — E. R. Mundy.

ANNUAL MEETING OF PRODUCERS

PRESIDENT E. J. PYEAR AND FELLOW OFFICERS RE-ELECTED FOR THE COMING YEAR

E. J. Pyear, of Stirling, was re-elected president of the Cheese Producers' Association of Hastings County at the annual meeting of its members held in the Stirling Community Hall yesterday afternoon.

The other officers were also retained in their respective posts as follows:

Vice-Pres. — J. Bell, Marmora.

Sec.-Treas. — E. B. Finkle, Holloway.

Directors — Ed. O'Connor, Marmora; W. S. Stiles, Bonarlaw; Clem H. Ketcheson, Wallbridge; Clayton Wright, West Huntingdon; Frank Treverton, Latta; W. White, Roslin; James Moore, Queensboro; James Nickle, Madoc, and Ernie Bateman, of Tweed.

Auditors — Geo. McCullough and B. Mitts.

President E. J. Pyear presided and there was a large and enthusiastic attendance. Mr. Finkle presented the financial report, showing a substantial balance on hand at the close of the year's business. Outstanding addresses dealing with the production and marketing of cheese were delivered by Messrs C. E. Lackner, Director of Dairying for Ontario, and Geo. Gardiner of Seeley's Bay, and S. L. Joss, of Belleville, president and secretary, respectively, of the Cheese Producers' Association of Ontario. Other speakers included Messrs Geo. Pollard, local Dairy Instructor; H. L. Fair, Agricultural Representative, and S. L. Lucas, Manager of the Bank of Montreal, Stirling.

This was one of the finest meetings in the history of the Hastings County Association. The attendance was not quite so large as in the past, due to the icy condition of the rural sideroads.

Mr. Lackner spoke of the improvement in quality of Canadian cheese, and especially of Ontario cheese, this year. From the first of December, 1939, to the end of last November, the Ontario industry made 96.05 per cent. first grade cheese. This was a high level of quality, but there had been one year when the percentage was slightly more than 97. The outstanding feature of the 1940 accomplishment was that of the first grade cheese 69.6 per cent. was in the score category of 94 and 93 points. It was in that respect the big improvement was made this year.

"Another notable fact is that to the end of November there were 16,700 fewer second grade cheese than a year ago," Mr. Lackner said. "That is evi-

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CLOSE FOR HOLIDAY

The Stirling High and Public Schools will close tomorrow and remain closed until January 6th, 1941, for the annual Christmas holiday.

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS TO TREE FUND

Sine the list of contributors to the Christmas Tree Fund was published in last week's issue, donations have been received from the following: W. J. Whitty, H. C. Martin, N. E. Eggleton, Thos. Cranston, Dr. C. F. Walt, C. B. Rollins, Dr. E. A. Carleton, William Bowen and J. S. Whitehead.

ICY STREETS

Pedestrians and autoists found the travelling slippery on Monday morning when a fine rain froze to the surface as it fell. Car drivers encountered the most trouble and slowed down to a careful pace. However, highways officials were on the job early and sanded the main roads. There were no reports of injuries from falls or car accidents.

PRESENTATIONS MADE

On Thursday evening the executives of the Young People's Guild and the Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, met at the home of Mrs. Duncan Montgomery and presented her with an umbrella, and each of the girls, Dorothy and Shirley, a pen and pencil set, prior to their departure on Sunday to reside in Toronto. Dainty refreshments were served and a social hour spent.

ENLISTS IN KENT REGIMENT

Friends will learn with interest that Mr. Ivan Martin has been given leave of absence from his position as manager of Commercial Credit Corporation at London, Ont., and has enlisted as a Lieutenant in the Kent County Regiment of the C.A.S.F. Lieut. Martin secured his commission at the Canadian Officers' Training School held at Queen's University.

RAWDON RED CROSS

The Rawdon Twp. Red Cross Society shipped the followed for December to the Canadian Red Cross Headquarters, Toronto: 84 pairs socks, 4 scarfs, 2 sweaters, 6 helmets, 3 pair plain mitts, 1 pair rifle mitts, 3 pair wristlets; also a bale of clothing to the Refugees including a complete Baby's Layette and 7 new quilts. We wish to thank the Springbrook Women's Institute for the donation of 1 bolt of flannelette and 1 bolt eiderdown.

ORGANIZE RURAL LEAGUE

The organization meeting of the Rural Hockey League was held in the Agricultural Rooms on Saturday night, with representatives present from five teams: Glen Ross, Ivanhoe, Foxboro, Evergreen and Zion. President H. L. Fair presided and the same rules as last year were adopted. The entry fee was set at $3.00, payable on the evening of the first game. The election of officers resulted in the re-election of last year's executive, as follows:

President — H. L. Fair.

Secretary — Arthur Duncan.

Treasurer — Roy Juby.

Another meeting is scheduled for Saturday night when it is expected a schedule will be arranged.

COUNCIL HOLDS FINAL SESSION

SPLENDID REPORTS PRESENTED BY TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR — PASS BY-LAWS

Stirling Village Council held its final meeting for the current year on Monday night, with Reeve W. C. West presiding, and Councillors F. E. Stapley, Gil Thompson and E. G. Bailey in attendance.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were adopted as read on motion of Councillors Thompson and Stapley.

A communication was read from the Canadian Underwriters' Association stressing the need for giving attention to water hydrants to prevent freezing; also to having fire hall kept warm to keep hose dry.

A tender for the insulation of the Village vault was tabled from Fred Elgie, local contractor. The amount of the tender was $30. On motion of E. G. Bailey and Gil Thompson Mr. Elgie was awarded the contract.

On motion of Councillors E. G. Bailey and F. E. Stapley, the following accounts were ordered paid:

Hastings County, $16.65; Geo. H. Luery, $13.50; Coolidge Ashley, 50c; Dr. A. E. Carleton, $162.50; John Morrison, wood, $6.00; Meiklejohn Hardware, $4.06; Meiklejohn Hardware, Fire Department, $18.00; Carl Conley, $75.00; Meiklejohn Hardware, Cemetery, $9.80; A. H. Hadley, $79.15; T. Donnan, part salary tax collector, $75.00; Stirling Library, $50.00.

Members of the Council spoke highly of the good work done by Thos. Tanner, caretaker of the cemetery, and it was moved by Councillor E. G. Bailey and F. Stapley that Mr. Tanner be given a bonus of $25 in appreciation of his services during the year.

Reeve Wm. C. West reported that on a visit to the County Registry Office he had discovered a map dated 1847, showing the creek bed the same as at present.

He also reported that he had made arrangements with the Sidney Township officials to have Front Street from Campbellford Corner to the Fair ground corner snowplowed at a cost of $2.00 per hour.

Mr. Thos. Donnan, tax collector, re-

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MILK REPORT

In the report on samples of milk from Stirling Dairy sent to the Department of Health at Peterboro, for the month of December, the standard plate count was listed at 4,000; butterfat 3.4 and sediment test "Clean".

LODGE ELECTS OFFICERS

The annual meeting of Stirling L.O.L. 110 was held at the lodge room on Thursday evening, Dec 12, with a goodly number of brethren present. The following officers were elected for the incoming year and duly installed in their respective offices by Bro. William Courtney of Harold:

W.M. — Bro. Harold Magee.
D.M. — Bro. Harold Juby.
Chap. — Bro. Donald Rodgers.
Rec. Sec. — Bro. F. B. Richardson.
Fin. Sec. — Bro. Ross Holland.
Treas. — Bro. Louis Rodgers.
Marshal — Bro. Geo. McCrory.
Lecturer — Bro. Thos. Magee.
Dep. Lec. — Bro. Gilbert Thompson.
1st Com. — Bro. Percy McGee.
Committee — Bro. H. Martin, Bro. Clifford Cain, Bro. Archie Magee, Bro. F. B. Richardson.
Auditors — Bro. Frank Magee, Bro. William Courtney.
Tyler — Bro. James York.

ST. PAUL'S MUSIC — SUNDAY DEC. 22nd

Morning — Anthem, "Glory to God"; Solo ,"The First Christmas Morn", Mrs. F. Jeffrey.

Evening — Anthem, "O, Little Town of Bethlehem"; Solo, "Birthday of a King," Wm. Reynolds.

COMING EVENTS

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW for the Trianon Ballroom, Belleville, New Year's Eve Party, Tuesday, December 31st. Dance all night 'til 'most daylite. Frivolity, favours, formal. Refreshments at two. Commodores Orchestra. Information: call 1636R or write Trianon c/o 168 James St., Belleville. 18-2

What Others Say

PUSHERS NEEDED

"Heard on the street corner; but isn't it the truth? "Everybody wants the old home town to go ahead, but they all think it's somebody else's duty to do the pushing." — Cobourg Sentinel-Star.

DOES HE CARE?

The decisive votes against two-year terms in the majority of places — in spite of the unfair wording of the question — is probably giving Mr. Hepburn something to think about. Or doesn't he care what people think except at election time. — Fergus News-Record.

SURELY WORTH A DIME

If you have come to the conclusion that you do not amount to much, then you may find comfort in knowing that in the recent national registration the work of getting your name, address and age and specifications cost the Government 10 cents. So, whether you are worth a dime or not, the Government spent that much to look you up. — Peterborough Examiner.

WONDER TOWNS

Some of the smaller centres of Canadian population are making amazing contributions to the Red Cross and other causes which put the larger towns and cities to shame on a per capita basis. Consider Belgrave, a community of about 50 people, near Wingham, Ont. Notwithstanding its size, the place has raised more than $1,000 for the Red Cross within the past year, and its latest contribution of $100 formed proceeds of a community auction sale. Many other villages and hamlets are doing almost equally well in spite of the fact that ready money is not always by any means a common rural commodity. (From the Brockville Recorder and Times.)

MAKE A GIFT OF IT

Canada has a surplus of wheat. The other day the powers-that-be were talking about turning it into fuel for automobiles. The best fuel that we can think of turning wheat into is fuel for the folks of the old homeland who are sore beset, but standing up unshaken and unafraid of the Hun. Canada should give the mother country every bushel of wheat it can spare, and when we say give, we mean GIVE. Even Henry Ford — you remember how you cursed Henry Ford recently — is now making the suggestion in the United States that the government give, not lend — but give, Great Britain all the money it requires to beat the Hun. In Canada we should be heartily ashamed of ourselves if we hold "at a price" the greatest need of the motherland at a time like this. — Trenton Courier-Advocate.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

The recently released financial report of one of the largest meat packing houses in this country shows an increase in profits of thirty-four percent during the first half year of the war. The packers explain that the gain is largely due to increase in exports to Great Britain. Another factor that might have been included is the increase in the retail cost of meat in Canada. Meanwhile retailers tell us that their profit has not increased. and certainly the farmer has not been getting a better price for his carcasses. One is inclined to question, in chorus with the vast majority of farmers, where the money goes. Perhaps the increased profits of packing houses constitute the answer. If such is the case it is time the war time prices board and the federal department of agriculture took some interest in the situation. No profit for the farmers and higher profits for the packing houses do not add up to a pleasant picture of the meat industry in Canada. — Hespeler Hearld.

JUST AN OVERSIGHT

In most small business centres Saturday is a big day; in fact, in our town merchants consider the week as two days — Saturday and the other five. To a great extent this is true, and the crowds that jam the Main street on Saturdays bespeak the volume of trade that is going on. Naturally, then, this means that clerks engaged in these stores on Saturdays work from early morning until real late at night. Customers, even townsfolk, are prone to spent the early part of the evening visiting or walking up and down the streets, then rushing into places of business to place their orders for the week-end supplies, with clerks tired out from long hours of waiting. Of course, the merchant wants your business, and is ever willing to serve you. He realizes that if he doesn't wish to stay open, he can close, you will go some place else. But if you would just do your shopping as early in the day as possible, how much happier all concerned would be. It is just an oversight, we have no doubt, and if you are one of the unintentional guilty offenders, shop early and tell your friends. — Picton Gazette.

SLANDERS HURT WAR EFFORT

Few organizations in Canada have been more severely criticized by whisperers than the Canadian Red Cross Society. No sooner is one lie exposed than a second is invented and given wings. The latest fiction about this patriotic organization is that the chairman and the secretary are drawing fabulous salaries. The sole purpose of these untruths is to hamper the Red Cross in its humanitarian work.

It has been whispered around that Dr. Routley receives a salary of $17,000 or more per annum. The Globe and Mail has reason to know that this is utterly false; the fact is that the [illegible]ned salaries of the national com[illegible] (Dr. Routley), the assistant commissioner and their sec[illegible] (both highly trained young [illegible]) total only $13,600. Moreover, [illegible]ley gave up a private practice [illegible]elded him more than double [illegible] salary to take on the Red [illegible]

[illegible] chairman nor any other [illegible]tional executive re[illegible]ration. The same [illegible] prevails and distin[illegible] was women who are de[illegible] talents to the direc[illegible] great organization.

[illegible] been said in criticism that [illegible]s funds are not audited. The [illegible]is that the Red Cross is the [illegible] thoroughly audited society in the [illegible]inion.

[illegible]lsehoods about the Red Cross are [illegible]ted by malicious enemies to shut [illegible] gates of mercy and impede the war effort. — The Globe and Mail.

W.I. To Furnish Hospital Ward

A thirty-two-bed ward in a Canadian Army Hospital in Great Britain is to be furnished at a cost of $3000 by the individual contributions of members of the Women's Institutes of Ontario. Each member of local institutes is being asked to contribute what she can — no donation is too small and none too large, and should be sent to Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, Coldwater, Ont. Mrs. Leatherdale is Secretary-Treasurer of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

Women's Institute members are being encouraged to continue the support which they have been giving to the Red Cross and other patriotic organizations, the Provincial Board states, pointing out that donations to the Canadian Army Hospital in Great Britain are entirely separate and of a personal nature s compared with other war work.

At their recent meeting, the Federated W. I. of Ontario contributed $500 to the National Federation of Women's Institutes for war work. The Red Cross Society has forwarded 50,000 pounds of jam to Britain and another 54,0000 will follow shortly, for use in Canadian Army hospitals and families who have lost their homes through bombings. This jam for the most part was put up by W. I. members in Ontario, the cans being supplied by the Red Cross.

The Ontario Federation has also asked the Ontario Department of Education to promote adequate courses in civics and citizenship. More time should be devoted to teaching children why they should be proud to be Canadian citizens and the part they should play in maintaining the privileges of such citizenship, they point out.

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WOOLER MAN KILLED

Maynard Sharpe, 47, of Wooler, was almost instantly killed when his car crashed into the rear end of a Rathbun bus from Trenton that had stopped four miles west of Belleville on Highway No. 2 to discharge a passenger on Thursday night. The pavement was sleet-covered and visibility poor at the time. An inquest has been ordered.

BURNBRAE W. M. S. CHOOSES MRS. BOUDREAU

A substantial improvement in financial reports was shown by two organizations of Burnbrae church, which met Thursday for their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. Roy Walker. The two groups, the W.M.S. and Ladies' Aid combined for the afternoon with officers of the former organization taking charge of the opening exercises and presenting reports first.

Presiding at the outset was W.M.S. President Mrs. William Hutcheon, who gave a Bible reading and was followed by Mrs. Boudreau, who led in prayer. Of the regular meetings held throughout the year three took the form of quiltings. The financial statement of the treasurers indicated the 1940 allocation had been reached.

After the programme, which included a reading by Clara Thain, a talk from the study book by Mrs. George Craighead and a reading by Mrs. Hutcheon, officers elected were: Honorary President, Mr. William Hutcheon; President, Mrs. M. E. R. Boudreau; Vice-Pres., Miss Clara Thain; Secretary, Miss Hazel MacKenzie; Treasurer, Mrs. Ernest Eagleson; Supply Secretary, Miss E. Wilson; Home Helpers' Secretary, Mrs. George Craighead; Glad Tidings Secretary, Miss M. Linn.

For the Ladies' Aid meeting Mrs. Victor Taylor, President of the Society, presided. Mrs. R. Walker gave the secretary's report and the treasurer, Mrs. John Murray, reviewed finances which she stated were in a very sound condition, with receipts considerably above those of the previous year — a circumstance which may have been due in part to the fact that this year the church celebrated its centennial. Dr. M. E. R. Boudreau presided for the election of officers which saw Mrs. Victor Taylor returned as president for the second time. Other officers are: Honorary Presidents, Mrs. Herbert Watson, Miss Emma Wilson, Mrs. Matthew Eagleson; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. George Craighead; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Thomas Watson; Secretary, Mrs. Roy Walker; Treasurer, Mrs. John Murray. The meeting closed with a hymn, followed by prayer by the pastor.

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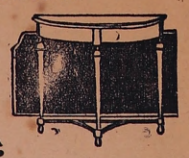
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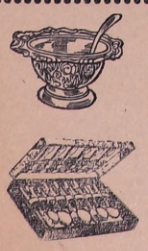
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Extends to all homes throughout the Stirling Community the Season's Greetings
May the Christmas Festival be a Glad and Joyous Occasion and may the New Year bring Happiness and Prosperity to all

GREETINGS

Even as a Sprig of Holly inspires good cheer, so we hope this greeting of ours finds welcome with our many Friends and Customers
May your Christmas be the Merriest and Your New Year the Happipest ever

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BEST WISHES

With Cordial Christmas Greetings to One and All
and may the New Year hold a Full Measure of Health and Happiness

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

May Peace and Good Wishes be uppermost in our thoughts at this Festive Season
With Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

W. J. WHITTY

GREETINGS

May our Yuletide Greetings, blended with those of your other friends, brighten the closing Days of Nineteen Hundred and Forty, and help you to face with cheerfulness Nineteen Hundred and Forty-One

J. S. WHITEHEAD

BEST WISHES

A Greeting, a Smile
And a Word of Good Cheer
To Say Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year

SHELL SERVICE STATION
Guy Bradshaw, Mgr.

BEST WISHES

MR. AND MRS. E. T. WARD

Extend to all their Customers and Friends Best Wishes for
A Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

GREETINGS

We take this opportunity to extend to our Customers and Friends Best Wishes for their Happiness during the Christmas Season and throughout the New the Coming Year

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

May Christmas abound in Good Cheer and Gladness and the New Year Brighten Your Days with Life's Most Precious Gifts — Friendship, Health, Prosperity and Contentment

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We extend Greetings at this Joyful Yuletide Season — and may your Christmas Season be a Most Pleasant one, and the New Year filled with Happiness, Cheer and Prosperity

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GREETINGS

May You Have a Merry Christmas
May it find you well and glad,
May it leave you with the feeling
'Twas the Best you ever had.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

We wish to take this opportunity of wishing our Customers and Friends
A Merry, Merry Christmas and
A Happy and Prosperous New Year

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Wishing You The Merriest Christmas You've ever had, and
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With Cordial Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for Your Happiness and Prosperity During the Coming Year

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Though we hope the year now closing has treated you kindly and that all your dreams have come true
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We Extend Best Wishes
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Merry Christmas
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A Happy New Year

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Wright's extend to their Many Friends
Greetings and Best Wishes
For a Joyous Christmas
and a
Bright New Year

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We wish to thank our Customers for their Business during the past Year, and extend to all the Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year

GEO. WEAVER

SEASON'S GREETINGS

We wish that in
Every Joyous Way
Happiness and Good Cheer
May be Yours at Christmas
and every day throughout
The New Year — 1941

FRANK STAPLEY
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BEST WISHES

To all my Parishioners and Friends:
I extend thanks for the many expressions of co-operation and good-will during the year 1940, and wish for you and yours a Happy Christmas and a Successful New Year

REV. JAS. E. BECKEL

GREETINGS

Good Health — Good Luck
Good Cheer
May These be Yours at Christmas Time
and through the Coming Year

DON WILLIAMS
INSURANCE

SEASON'S GREETINGS

May Santa grant you
This Christmastide
All Joys, forever to abide

NORMAN RAY

SEASON'S GREETINGS

To Our Many Friends, Old and New, We send Greetings
May the Christmas Season be filled with Happiness and
The New Year hold joy and Prosperity for You in Full Measure

MRS. KENNETH TOMPKINS

GREETINGS

In a Personal and Friendly Way at this Christmas Time
We wish all our Customers and Friends
Joy in the Present and Happiness and Contentment in the days to come

J. C. McGEE

BEST WISHES

May Good Fortune, Health and Happiness be Yours this Christmas and throughout The Coming Year

C. B. ROLLINS
"If Satisfied — tell Others
If Not — Tell Us"

SEASON'S GREETINGS

"Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men" — that it soon may come with justice to all concerned is our wish, particularly now at this season which would ordinarily be one of happiness and good cheer.
Let us this Christmas Season take stock of our blessings and look for what silver linings there are bound to be in the clouds now shading the New Year

STIRLING CREAMERY

GREETINGS

It is our Sincere Wish that the coming Year will grant you an even greater measure of happiness than any of those in the past

ALTON HADLEY
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BEST WISHES

As the Merry Christmas Season is here again, we take this Opportunity of Wishing you One and All, the Best in Health and Happiness throughout the Year to Come

CRANSTON'S BAKERY

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Rev. W. H. V. Walker, Minister

Sunday, December 22nd, 1940

10.00 a.m. — Sunday School.

11.00 a.m. — Morning Worship — "No Room in the Inn."

7.30 p.m. — "The Birth of Christ in narrative and in song.

Special Christmas Music at both Services

Rawdon Circuit

(Rev. Jas. E. Beckel, Minister)

Sunday, December 22nd, 1940

11.00 a.m. — Mt. Pleasant

2.30 p.m. — Wellmans

7.30 p.m. — Bethel.

Christmas Messages

St. Paul's United Church

Rev. A. Marshall Laverty, B.A., B.D.

Sunday, December 22nd, 1940

10.00 a.m. — Sunday School

11.00 a.m. — Morning Worship — "The Significance of Christmas".

2.30 p.m. (S.T.) — Carmel.

7.30 p.m. — Evening Worship — "The Story Hour."

Listen for the Chimes!

ALLANS MILLS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McKeown spent Sunday with Mrs. J. Morton.

Wedding bells are ringing in our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown and family visited Mr. and Mrs. J. Lain at Stanwood on Sunday.

Mr. Mel McKeown, of Peterboro, spent Saturday evening at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hick, of Belleville, visited Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Reid on Sunday.

Mr. Ralph Richardson, teacher, and pupils of S.S. No. 14, Rawdon, held a splendid concert on Tuesday evening in the school house.

Mr. Glen Eastwood has accepted a a position in Whitby.

BONARLAW

The Dance held at Springbrook on Friday the Thirteenth, sponsored by Group No. 3 of The Springbrook Women's Institute, was very successful. There was a splendid attendance and all report a good time. Excellent music was furnished by The Melody Makers, of Tweed, and Mr. Jas. Mitts acted as floor manager. The committee provided a bountiful lunch.

The annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of St. Mark's Church was held on Thursday afternoon of last week at the home of Mrs. W. J. Barlow with a good attendance. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Mrs. W. G. Swayne; Vice-Pres., Mrs. A. V. Brown; Secretary, Mrs. W. J. Barlow; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Fitzgerald; Dorcas Sec., Mrs. J. F. Baker.

The Dorcas Secretary displayed a fine collection of clothing, etc., which was purchased to be sent to The Anglican Indian Residential School at Elkhorn, Man. This will be the best bale the W. A. has made up for a number of years.

Word has been received of the death of Rev. T. H. H. Hall, of Maitland, Ont. Mr. Hall was a former Rector of St. Mark's Church here and his passing came as a shock to a wide circle of friends in this community.

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MOUNT PLEASANT

Mount Pleasant W.M.S.

The December meeting of Mount Pleasant Woman's Missionary Society was held on Wednesday, Dec. 11th at the home of Mrs. John Holmes, with nine members and two visitors in attendance. The house was suitably decorated for Christmas and a picture of the Madonna and child was given a prominent place. The service opened with quiet music played by Mrs. Ross Hoard and Mrs. Percy MacMullen read a poem entitled "The Christmas Message." All sang "Silent Night," and the Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison. The roll call was answered with the keyword "Christmas" and Mrs. Don Campbell read the Christmas lesson in Luke 2. Mrs. Arthur Phillips gave the Devotional on "Stewardship and Christmas" and said the two are definitely linked together and each individual should use their time and their talents to carry on God's work. She urged all present to be better stewards in 1941, and to practice "Love not Hate" for our enemies. The simplicity of Christmas should be the ideal as never before when our country is at war. She closed with an appropriate Christmas poem. During the business period a letter of thanks from Mrs. Smith was read and the president read a letter from Miss Mabel Clazie, formerly of Belleville R.R. 6, who just recently returned to her work at Aiseikwan, in Japan. Although the churches in Japan have declined financial help from churches abroad, still they want and hope for the help and co-operation of missionaries. She closed her letter with the motto "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." Thanks was extended by the President to the hostess of the afternoon and to all who cooperated during the year. The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Edgar McKeown, when each officer is asked to give a full report of her year's work. The afternoon offering amounted to over four dollars. Miss Muriel Sine gave a broadcast on Mission Work in China, assisted by Mrs. Cyrus Summers. The Presider[illegible] presented the Christmas study on the theme "The World Church pays homage to Christ," in three parts, based on a circle, a world circle our circle [illegible] in our own W.M.S., around Christ. To[illegible] day the Christians of the world [illegible] before Christ and are anxious t[illegible] ther the work of His Kingdom a[illegible] the same way the Shepher[illegible] [illegible]ned in homage to the Babe in the [illegible]er. Those who assisted with this [illegible] were Mrs. Edgar McKeown, [illegible]ris Sine, Mrs. John Holmes, [illegible]leton Potts, Mrs. Arthur Phil[illegible]ley Kenneth Weaver, Mrs. Ross [illegible]elder, Mrs. Cyrus Summers. A [illegible] offered for Christians of [illegible] for our special mission[illegible] [illegible]hair of Christmas carols [illegible]tion "We would see [illegible] the hostess serv[illegible] [illegible] made candy and [illegible] was[illegible]

[illegible] Mrs. Clifford Sine enter[illegible] Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], Bert, Ross and Ralph, Mr. [illegible]rs. Irvin Reid, John and Gor[illegible]

[illegible] John Johnson quietly celebrat[illegible] his eighty-first birthday on Wed[illegible]y, December eleventh, and his many friends extend birthday felicitations.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spencer spent last week with Mrs. A. Merrills, Myersburgh.

Messrs Lorne White and Ray White have accepted positions in the lumber camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rosebush and Tommy, of River Valley, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hubble.

Mr. Roy Thrasher attended a special lodge meeting at Kingston, on Tuesday evening of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Reid, Edwin and Malcolm, Mrs. John Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest White were guests on Tuesday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Sine.

Messrs Ormel MacMullen and Sid Demorest spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. John Wagar, Cameron.

Mrs. Frank Jeffs spent Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. Ray Moran, at Frankford.

Mr. Robert Melville, Evelyn, Bruce and Jerry attended a family re-union at the home of his mother, Mrs. H. Melville, Marmora, on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Roy Thrasher spent a few days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Milton Shaw, at Ivanhoe.

Several folks attended the Santa Claus parade in Stirling on Saturday afternoon.

Young People's Union

Mount Pleasant Young People's Union convened in the hall on Wednesday evening, with the president, Miss Esma Cole, in charge. Mrs. Carleton Potts led in a round of community singing. Mrs. Will Jeffs played quiet music and Mrs. Cyrus Summers read the Bible lesson. Mrs. Ken Weaver read an appropriate poem and all sang a Christmas hymn. The offering was gathered by Master John Reid and it was decided to donate ten dollars from the tresury to missions. It was decided to divide in groups with Miss Lois McAdam, Messrs Irvin Reid, Ed. McKeown and Lester Hay as leaders. Seven people were chosen on each side and the treasurers appointed were Miss Muriel Sine, Mr. Irvin Potts, Mrs. Cyrus Summers and Mrs. Ken Weaver and each person is asked for three cents to cover the cost of their badge. Rev. James E. Beckel introduced the guest speaker, Rev. A. M. Laverty, of Stirling, and he gave a very interesting talk on the Bible passage "I am the Door" and he graphically pictured a sheep fold and gave several interesting incidents of living this life with Christ as our guide. Mrs. Carleton Potts and Mrs. Edgar McKeown sang "Song of the Angels, Peace and Good-will." Mrs. Will Jeffs contributed a guitar solo and all sang "Blest be the tie that binds." Rev. Mr. Laverty then conducted a series of interesting games.

This will be the last league service for 1940, and it is hoped to begin a new series of meetings early in the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy MacMullen attended River Valley Study Group W. M.S. Christmas Social on Friday evening.

MADOC JUNCTION

The W.M.S. and W.A. held a very successful dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Chambers on Thursday. The sum of $7.80 was realized to swell the funds of the Society. Following the dinner the regular meeting was held with Mrs. Warren Harlow as program convenor. The nominating committee, composed of Mrs. Bruce Stapley, Mrs. Oliver Stapley and Mrs. Warren Harlow presented the slate of officers for the coming year as follows:

W. M. S.

President, Mrs. Raymond Chambers; 1st vice-Pres., Mrs. Geo. Eggleton; 2nd vice-Pres. — Mrs. Warren Harlow; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Clarence Fitchett; Treas., Mrs. Oliver Stapley; Organist, Mrs. Bruce Stapley; Missionary and Literature Sec., Mrs. Russell Stapley; Supply Sec., Mrs. Harry Clarke; Christian Stewardship and Finance, Mrs. Carl Bridges; Baby Band Leader, Mrs. Roy Wilson; Mission Band Leader and Assistant, Mrs. Ross Woodword and Mrs. R. Stapley.

W. A.

President, Mrs. Ken Stapley; Vice-Pres., Marion McMullen; Flower Fund, Mrs. S. Danford; Parsonage Com., Mrs. Bert Reid and Mrs. Bruce Stapley.

Mrs. Clarence Fitchett, retiring president, spoke briefly, thanking the members for their loyal support during her term of office. The program was as follows: hymn "Silent Night, Holy Night", followed by prayer by Mrs. Woodward. The Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Ken Stapley. Mrs. Harlow gave a reading, "The Circle of Homage." Mrs. Milton Reid and Mrs. Oliver Stapley read alternately, "Pilgrims of Bethlehem." Mrs. Raymond Chambers sang "The Saviour of the World." Mrs. Lansing then gave a well-prepared paper on "Home Economics and Christmas." Closing hymn. Benediction.

RIVER VALLEY S. GROUP

On Friday evening, December 13th, River Valley Study Group W.M.S. held a Christmas Social evening at the schoolhouse, with a gala attendance. The school was nicely decorated for Christmas and Rev. A. M. Laverty was master of ceremonies and led the audience in a round of carol singing, with Mrs. Norman Rosebush at the piano. Miss Eleanor Bush recited "We would see Jesus." Mrs. Mildred Pidgeon, of St. Paul's W.M.S. contributed a piano solo and Mrs. R. A. Patterson read 'A Canadian Christmas," by Leslie McFarlane. Several gifts contributed a Christmas exercise, concluding with a pantomime 'Silent Night." This was under the direction of Miss Marion Bedford and Mrs. Mary Vandervoort.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown of Carmel contributed a vocal duet with Mrs. Arthur Pyear as accompanist. Mrs. Reta Wilson, president of Carmel Y.P.U., introduced four members, who gave flashes of what the United Church is doing on the Missionary fields throughout Canada.

Rev. A. M. Laverty gave an interesting talk on his personal observations when he was a student on a mission field in Manitoba. At the close of the programme Mrs. Roy Bush, president of the group, and her efficient staff of helpers arranged a dainty lunch which was passed to the guests by the girls. The ladies realized over ten dollars and the evening was most successful.

LITTLE INTEREST IN HOCKEY IN TWEED

Tweed may not be represented in the Trent Valley Hockey League this winter. The meeting held on Friday evening was very poorly attended and apparently there is little enthusiasm locally. Stirling, Madoc and Frankford and doubtful starters, which would leave only Campbellford, Peterboro Military Camp and Campbellford Military Camp to carry on.

Tweed has lost only one player, Jack Tummon, of last season's team, although it is understood that Joe Courneyea and Harold Elsbury have received their notices to report for military training on January 1st and their services would be lost for the month of January at least. Whether it will be possible to organize a team here is not known, but some action must be taken right away if Tweed is to have a squad.

If there is no Trent Valley League, the rink is not likely to be opened since skating will hardly pay the ordinary running expenses. — Tweed News.

Domestic — I hear that you need a cook?

Mistress — Thank you, but I have just hired one.

Domestic — Very well, I'll call again tomorrow.

GREETINGS!

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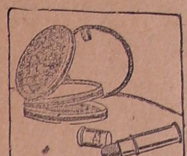

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FOR SALE OR RENT — Farm, 50 acres, Lot 8, Con. 1, Rawdon. Buildings in good repair. Well, creek and two springs. Land in good cultivation. Apply David Heath, Stirling R.R. No. 2. 18-2p

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NOTICE

Dr. C. F. Walt will be absent from his dental office Dec. 24 to 28. 18-1p

SHAMROCK CHEESE CO

The Annual Meeting of Shamrock Cheese Company will be held at the factory on Monday, Dec. 23rd, 1940, at 1.00 o'clock (S.T.) for the transaction of general business.

17-2p Thos. Donohoe, Pres.

STERLING CHEESE AND BUTTER COMPANY

The Annual Meeting of the Stirling Cheese and Butter Manufacturing Co. will be held at the factory on Friday, Dec. 20th, 1940, at the hour of 1.00 o'clock, (S.T.) for the purpose of settling up the season's business, election of officers and any other business that may come before the meeting.

17-2 J. B. Thompson, Pres.

CENTRAL CHEESE CO.

The Annual Meeting of Central Cheese Manufacturing Co. will be held at the factory on Monday, Dec. 23rd, at 2.00 p.m. Standard Time, for the transaction of the general business of the Company. 18-1

Geo. Weaver, President

Nominations

Notice is hereby given that a Nomination Meeting of the electors of the
Municipality of Stirling
will be held in the Stirling Theatre
MONDAY, DECEMBER 30
at 7.00 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of nominating a Reeve, four Councillors, one Hydro Commissioner (retiring Commissioner Roy Eggleton) and three School Trustees, to serve on the Board of Education for two years. The retiring members of the latter are Dr. E. A. Carleton and Messrs. R. B. Duffin and Ewart Bailey.

All nominations must be in writing and blank forms will be provided at the said meeting for that purpose.

If more than the necessary number of municipal officers and school trustees are nominated and a poll is demanded, a poll will be opened on Monday, January 6th, 1941, for the taking of votes by ballot, commencing at 9.00 o'clock a.m., and continuing until 5 o'clock p.m. Place of voting, Sub-Divisions 1 and 2 — Community Service Building.

18-2 G. H. Luery, Clerk

RIVER VALLEY W.I.

The regular meeting of the River Valley W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Norman Rosebush on Thursday, Dec. 5th. The President, Miss E. McDonnell, presided and the meeting opened with the singing of "O, Canada," followed by the Lord's Prayer. The roll call was then answered by the members, "An inexpensive Christmas Gift." Letters were then dealt with. The program was handed over to Mrs. Percy Utman, Convenor of "Home Economics." The program was opened by the singing of "Silent Night." Mrs. Ross Bush gave a splendid report on "Meat Cookery," which was held in Stirling in November. Mrs. Fred McDonnell gave a talk on "Meat as a Food. A splendid paper was prepared by Mrs. Clifford Lansing, and read by Mrs. Percy Utman on "Home Economics and Christmas". The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

Lunch was served by the hostess and a few of the members.

HAROLD

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Heath, Mrs. Flossie Laycock, were in Marmora on Monday afternoon.

Mr. Watson, of Belleville, was a week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Sine, while conducted church services in Springbrook on Sunday.

Mrs. George Bailey spent Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Geo. Thompson.

Mr. Frank Runnalls and Dorothy are visiting with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Thompson, of Rylestone.

Harold School children are busy practising for the school concert.

Miss Nicholson spent the week-end with her parents near Frankford.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Runnalls entertained Mrs. Frank Runnalls and Dorothy on Sunday.

IVANHOE

Mrs. Kerr, of Marmora, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. Clement.

Miss Harding spent the week-end at her home in Bethany.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wright and Mr. W. Hagerman were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wood on Sunday.

The Beulah W.M.S. held a very successful bazaar in the Orange Hall on Friday evening, and are holding their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. S. Twiddy.

The Y.P.U. presented their play last week at Hazzards and Thomasburg.

Bylaw No. 470

A by-law to provide for taking a vote of the Municipal Electors under the Local Government Extension Act, 1940.

Whereas it is considered desirable and expedient to obtain the opinion of the Electors pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Local Government Extension Act, 1940,

Be it therefore enacted by the Council of The Municipality of the Village of Stirling as follows:

1. The votes of the duly qualified electors of the Corporation of the Village of Stirling shall be taken on the said question at the same time and at the same place as the annual election for the Municipal Council for the year 1941 and the Returning officer and Deputy Returning Officer appointed to hold the said Election shall take the vote.

2. On Friday preceding the first Monday of January, 1941, at ten o'clock in the forenoon the Head of the Council for the summing up of the Votes by the Clerk shall appoint one person to attend at each polling place on behalf of persons interested in voting in the affirmative on the said question and a like number on behalf of the persons interested in and voting in the negative on the said question.

3. That at the same time and place that he publicly declares the results of the Municipal Election of the Council for the year 1941, the Clerk shall pubilcly declare the results of the voting of the electors on the said question.

The form of ballot paper to be used in taking the said vote shall be as follows:

Note:

The Electors shall vote by making an "X" opposite either Yes or No, January 6th, 1941, voting upon the following question:

Are you in favour as a war-time measure under the Local Government Extension Act., 1940, of the Municipal Council elected for 1941 holding office for the term of two years?

Yes ....

No ....

5. That the procedure to be taken for such voting shall, with such variations as may be necessary, be the procedure prescribed for use in voting at Annual Municipal Elections and shall conform in all respects to section 280 of the Municipal Act.

6. This by-law shall come into force and take effect immediately from and after the final passing thereof.

Passed this 2nd day of December, 1940.

Certified to be a true copy, and if the assent of the Electors is favourable, the by-law will be taken into consideration by the Council after the expiration of one month from December 2nd, 1940, namely January 6th, 1941.

Wm. C. West, Reeve, Geo. H. Luery, Clerk

WEST HUNTINGDON

Annual Meeting of Cheese Co.

The Annual Meeting of the West Huntingdon Cheese Manufacturing Co., was held on Tuesday afternoon in the Orange Hall with 95 per cent. of the stockholders present, and a number of visitors. Mr. Chester Sills was chairman for the meeting and Barton Haggerty recorded the minutes. Mr. Morley Haggerty was elected as new President and Messrs Clifford Green, John Jeffrey, Elmer Post, Mac Sarles and Chester Sills as directors.

Mr. Geo. Cooke, who has been president for the past twelve years, and given excellent leadership, gave a report of the year's activities. In the business period it was decided to instal a refrigeration plant.

Young People's Guild

The Young People's Guild of St. Andrew's Church held their weekly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace on Friday evening, when a Christmas program was enjoyed. Mrs. John Wallace gave a reading "Christmas Love." Russell Sills conducted the Scripture reading. Miss Joyce Wallace gave a solo. Mrs. J. C. Sills gave an address on "The Christmas Spirit." Jean Haggerty gave a pleasing instrumental. In the business period it was decided to hold the next meeting at the home of Mrs. Shaw.

Local and Personal

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fitchett were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dafoe, of Carmel, and Mr. and Mrs. Carman Dafoe, of Frankford.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Sarles and Tom were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burrell, of Evergreen.

Residents here are always pleased to hear from friends far and near, and a news item of particular intere[illegible] noted in an English newspape[illegible] Grimsby Telegraph, of Nov. 2. [illegible] as follows: Lieut. Harold C. Kin[illegible] R.N.V.R., a popular member [illegible] Grimsby Service Club, has be[illegible] sented with a silver salver, [illegible] with the Grimsby Coat [illegible] the Maple Leaf, the er[illegible] ada. This was p[illegible] friends Lieut. Kings[illegible] ing his stay here [illegible] in course of construc[illegible] by ship-yards. Lieut. Ki[illegible] longs to a family well know[illegible] ing a son of George A. King[illegible] rister, of Toronto. He has no[illegible] given command of and has gone in a ship in the Royal Navy's Aux[illegible] Fleet, sometimes called the "mos[illegible] fleet." His is a torpedo boat [illegible] times called a "E" boat. Friends [illegible] wish Lieut. Kingston success in his new command, and a safe return to Canada at the conclusion of the war.

Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Green were: Mr. and Mrs. Claude Tucker and family, Stirling; Mr. John Green and Mr. and Mrs. William Drewry, of Rawdon.

Dr. Vincent and Mrs. Moran, Honna and Mona, of Buffalo, were week-end guests of Mrs. William Bray and also Mr. Bray at Belleville General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Green and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Green.

SPRINGBROOK

The December meeting of Springbrook W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Wesley Heath, with the President in charge. After the devotional period the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, also acknowledgement of flowers sent. The visiting committee reported several calls made during the month. A complete financial report was given by Mrs. A. P. Williams, showing work done during the year. Mrs. Bateman then expressed her appreciation for the loyalty and co-operation of the members during her four years of office. Owing to the absence of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Harding, the president, Mrs. W. A. Bateman, took charge of election of officers for 1941, as follows: President, Mrs. Thos. H. McKeown; vice-Pres., Mrs. C. W. Sine; Treas., Mrs. K. B. Thompson; Sec., Mrs. Geo. Thompson; pianist, Mrs. Sid Mason; Missionary Supt., Mrs. Walter Heath; press reporter, Mrs. W. A. Bateman. The meeting closed with the Benediction, after which lunch was served by the executive and a social half-hour very much enjoyed.

Mrs. Marshall McCoy spent Monday with friends in Marmora.

Lloyd Barton entertained a number of his little friends on his fifth birthday, last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Wesley Heath was Tuesday guest of her daughter, Mrs. Earl Green in Stirling.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Mason and Lois spent Sunday in Wallbridge, with Mr. and Mrs. H. Ketcheson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Cassidy entertained Mr. and Mrs. Percy Mumby on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Johnston, of Wallbridge, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lough.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Meiklejohn, of Rylestone, were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Granville Meiklejohn.

The Junior Bible Class held a very successful Pot Luck dinner and quilting last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Granville Meiklejohn.

BETHEL

League was held on Thursday evening with the President, Miss Elda McMullen in charge. The meeting opened with a hymn and prayer by Rev. Mr. Beckel. All sang Christmas songs and Mrs. Harry Preston read the Bible lesson. Mr. Chas. Morton gave the topic based on the Christmas spirit. Mr. Don Thompson delighted with a solo, playing his own guitar accompaniment. Mrs. Gordon Green gave a reading. Rev. Beckel also spoke a few words and League was closed with a hymn and Mizpah Benediction, after which Rev. Beckel staged a "quiz" contest. League meetings will be suspended until after New Year's.

The Ladies' Aid held a "pot luck" dinner on Thursday at the home of Mrs. Stewart Brady. About thirteen ladies were present and quilted a quilt and made two nightgowns for the refugees. They realized about $2.50. The quilt is now for sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Reid and June were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McMullen.

A number of people have colds and are confined to their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sine spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Sine.

LATE SAMUEL HOBBS

It is with a deep feeling of sorrow that the friends of Mr. Samuel Edward Hobbs Sr. learned of his passing in Belleville General Hospital on Sunday evening, Dec. 15th, after an illness of several months.

The late Mr. Hobbs was the eldest [illegible]n of the late Samuel and Harriett [illegible]s of Birmingham, England. Thir[illegible]ven years ago he with his wife [illegible]mily came to Canada, first resid[illegible] [illegible]yersburg and later moving to Havelock, from there moving to Menie, where he has resided for the past thirty-two years. He was a blacksmith by trade, but with failing health had to retire to normal life a few years ago. He is survived by his wife and three daughters, Annie, at home, Mrs. James Briggs (Clara) of Toronto, Mrs. Ivan Caldwell (Kate) of Stirling, and two sons, Samuel Jr. and Albert of Seymour East; also five grandchildren, Jean, Annie, Margaret, Doris and Robert Briggs of Toronto.

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Turkeys brought from 18c to 23c per lb. Chickens from 16c to 21c. Fowl from 12c to 15c.

The greater part of the Poultry brought in was tukrey, which is usually the case on the December Poultry Fair Days. There were several buyers in town. Among them were Henry Gatehouse and Sons, Canada Packers, The T. Eaton Co., The Lennox and Addington Poultry Pool, Dan Rodgers. The T. Eaton Co. purchased the largest amount of any of the buyers.

The Brave Man

A bright little girl, aged 4, and her brother, aged 6, were spending the night with their aunt. When bedtime came, the aunt asked how they said their prayers. The little girl answered:

"Sometimes I say them on mummy's knees and sometimes to the side of the bed."

"And how about you, little boy?"

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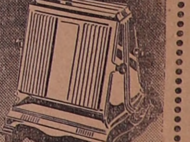

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A STORY OF ROMANCE AND ADVENTURE IN EUROPE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE OUTBREAK OF THE PRESENT WAR

By LESLIE HAMILTON

It was London, England, less than a month prior to the fateful third of September, 1939.

Around the Marble Arch, the late afternoon traffic milled in a struggling medley of snorting hub-bub as never-ending streams of nondescript vehicles — converging upon this point from "umpteen" directions at the same time — added still further to the apparently hopeless confusion.

In marked contrast to the impatient scurrying to and fro on every hand, several London "bobbies" — serene and unperturbed as peacocks on parade — strolled majestically in and out among it all while calmly supplementing flashing signals of the "automatics" which had failed — as per usual — to regulate the melee during the peak hour of overwhelming congestion.

The driver of a saloon car — seizing a propitious moment — managed to steal a few yards further forward in the sweating bedlam, softly cursing crawling taxis of ancient vintage and the reek of ponderous stinking busses as he did so. However, he finally manoeuvred his way through the "ingate" of Hyde Park and, heading into the famous "Ring Road," continued his journey southwards.

But even here, heavy lanes of traffic plus countless "jay-walking" pedestrians rendered any speed in excess of a few miles per hour quite impossible — although in this instance — the driver consoled himself for the slow progress by taking advantage of the excellent opportunity it afforded him of closely observing some of England's grim preparations for defence.

"Verily! Verily!" he murmured to himself, "the face of dear old London has certainly undergone a startling transformation during these past few months."

Batteries of 3.7 anti-aircraft guns were scattered about in various strategic positions, their skyward-pointing muzzles wickedly suggesting the alert and ready.

Over in a large clearing between some trees, a crew of A.R.P. Volunteers messed about with a winch-equipped truck as they hauled in their captive "sausage" — one of the gas-filled sentinels of the balloon barrage.

Closer at hand and adjacent to the road, gangs of toiling workmen were rushing deep underground air-raid shelters to completion.

"Ominous scenes!" the driver muttered, thinking how truly indicative it was of the spirit of the times. There was also an oppressive air of boredoming hanging over everything; one sensed it in the grave, set faces, and quiet, earnest conversations going on between some of the morbid spectators anxiously watching the proceedings.

Still rolling gently along, his eye rested momentarily upon a modern luxurious hotel — a magnificent and notorious Mayfair landmark standing proudly in its Park Lane setting of wealth and splendour.

"What a 'ruddy' mess that west-end playhouse will look after a direct hit!" he mused, sotto voice; visualizing the terrific havoc massed air raids would dish out — should they ever break through.

But notwithstanding the threat of chaos and destruction staring the country in the face, this time — he reflected soberly — Britain was calling all bluffs! It was definitely either; or else! Terror and swift aggression threatened to strike again, and the time had come to call a halt. It was the only way to deal with the gangster reign of "might-is-right" which now gripped Europe by the throat. Confidence and security were gone; and Democracy stood with its back to the wall again!

Leaving the park at the Albert Gate the driver now swung west and slipping along the main thoroughfare at a smart pace towards Kensington, skillfully squeezed every mile out of his car which the traffic restrictions in a built-up area legally permitted.

Arrived at a new apartment house in Brompton Road, he parked his machine and, stepping quickly through the entrance lobby, briskly mounted the main staircase to the first floor, where he paused before one of several doors flanking a wide corridor and deftly inserting a latch-key in the lock of number six, let himself into the snug bachelor quarters which he occupied in the building.

Dropping his hat upon a convenient table just inside the door, he passed on towards the living room situated at the end of a short hallway and entering this, crossed to the comfortable divan beneath the window, pulled a special edition of the afternoon paper from his pocket, and settling back in comfort eagerly scanned its pages for the latest news on the crisis.

Rex Munroe, the man whose movements have been followed thus far, looked every inch the professional type, his well-groomed appearance and quiet air of authority suggesting the doctor, lawyer or company director.

His true profession, however, as stated in his passport, was that of a consulting engineer. It also stated that his birthplace was England and his nationality British, although, by upbringing and early environment he was really a Canadian, and at the time this story opens a bit of a cosmopolitan as well, having travelled extensively in mny countries since being de-mobbed after the Great War.

Of aggressive personality, upon the threshold of forty (a nice comfortable forty, as he expressed it) and just under six feet in height, the broad shoulders and well-built frame — easily carrying its hundred and eighty-five pounds — placed Munroe in the big man category at a glance.

With thick, dark brown hair, slightly grey over the temples, smooth shaven countenance and a manner still boyish at times, his appearance belied his age, however; and thirty-fiv[illegible] — or six, was the mental guess o[illegible] most people meeting him for the firs[illegible] time, especially when his plain bu[illegible] attractive regular features broke i[illegible] a pleasant smile, and his clear bl[illegible] grey eyes twinkled mischievous[illegible]

A fitting background to the [illegible] ing was an optimistic outlook and happy soldier-of-fortune mentality developed since 1920, when Munroe struck out to carve a way to fame and independence for himself in the topsy-turvy post-war world of that period.

During the years which followed he had tried his hand at many things, sometimes with a degree of success, sometimes the results had been a total failure. Usually the whim of that fickle jade Dame Fortune had decided which, so it is not surprising that a streak of fatalism had slowly crep into his makeup.

Nevertheless he was quick, intelligent and practical; and his wide general knowledge — augmented by avid reading in spare moments — covered an extensive nad useful range of miscellaneous subjects. Sympathetic, and in some respects deeply emotional, the underlying strain of idealism in his character prompted by these two traits often came into violent collision with his cool and calculating brain; generally to his material disadvantage.

Imbued with a passion for good music and inheriting a keen sense of color, he also appreciated lovely landscapes or artistically decorated interiors; while an excellent memory (particularly for numbers, places and faces) was undoubtedly a natural gift. Punctuality, a keen sense of humour, patience and method, all consistently developed since childhood were now permanent attributes which had also become — through the intervening years of practice — sub-consciously automatic.

Wines or spirits he indulged in very sparingly, being practically an abstainer where the drinking habit was concerned; on the other hand, he was a heavy pipe smoker and literally ate cigars, the latter being his weakness to such an extent that many of his American friends had facetiously dubbed him a second "General Grant."

A breezy hail-fellow-well-met air of bonhomie which enabled him to make friends quickly and easily was an asset which had often stood him in good stead, and peculiarly enough, some of the lightning friendships thus formed in the past had proven to be staunch [illegible] deeply sincere, with standing the [illegible]titudes of life faithfully over a [illegible]d of many years.

Munroe sat there pensively read[illegible] [illegible]e news, he also speculated upon [illegible]here he was going to fit into [illegible]e of things when war broke [illegible]t seemed almost inevitable to him would be the case. The widespread "jitters" had already brought to a jarring full stop the commercial project he had been engaged upon for the past two years, which was bad enough — but, damn it all — he cursed bitterly; the capital sunk in the wretched proposition would be irretrievably lost as well, and that was a gloomy outlook indeed. Such a setback would not have worried Munroe unduly in normal times as it would have been possible for him to secure fresh backing and carry on; but at a time like this it was hopeless; in fact, it looked as though the debacle might become a personal tragedy of far-reaching consequences for himself.

What to do — that was the question?

Almost as if in answer to his thoughts, the silence of the room was rudely interrupted by the sharp ringing of the telephone bell.

Tossing the paper aside with a gesture of impatience, he crossed to the instrument — standing upon his desk in a far corner of the room, and lifting the receiver answered the call by giving his number, "Kensington 0467."

He was instantly greeted by hearing a familiar and cheery voice saying: "Hello, Rex, old boy! Just get in?"

"Well, I'll be jiggered!" Munroe ejaculated. "Charlie Lorne — of all people!"

"The same," the voice replied, "and just about fed up trying to run you to earth, young fellow-me-lad."

"I'm awfully sorry, Charlie, but I've had a pretty thick day of it today, trying to save my little Rome from burning as it were, but it's 'no bon'— I'm afraid."

"What's up?" Lorne asked. "Anything seriously wrong?"

"Plenty!" Rex snorted in reply. "The financial backers behind this last deal of mine have quit cold — thrown their hand in completely — in fact, we're all washed up!"

"Good Lord! What rotten luck!" came the surprised answer. "Any chance of finding someone else to take over their interest and carry on, do you think?"

"Not these days," Munroe confessed gloomily. "I'd thought of that, but you can't even pry a smile out of anybody right now, much less pounds, shillings and pence; unless it's for a 'dugout' and plenty of tinned grub."

Unfortunately, that's only too true," his friend admitted. "It's going to hit you very hard — financially, I mean?"

"Just about the last straw," Munroe said in a lugubrious voice.

"What a rotten shame!" Lorne commented sympathetically. "Especially after all your work and effort; but, cheer up, at least you're not the only one."

"I quite agree— but that's damn poor consolation for me!" Munroe grumbled.

"Under the circumstances, I assume you're at a loose end; at any rate, for the time being, aren't you?"

"Until the curtain rises on this forthcoming International Inferno — and Act one of the tune of the Bombers' Overture gets under way; then we'll all be very busy. And I don't mean perhaps!"

"Very much so," the other conceded. "In the interim, however, this upset of yours seems almost providential."

"How come?"

"Because the reason I have been trying to get hold of you so urgently was to ask you if you could spare a few days away from London, and it looks as if the fates had already taken a hand."

"What's on your mind, Charlie?"

"I'd rather not say any more over the 'phone; besides, I'd sooner see you personally," he replied.

"Righto!" Rex agreed. "I understand; when do you suggest?"

"How about tonight?" Here at the office? Can you manage seven-thirty?"

"I'll be there with bells on," Munroe promised.

"Cheerio then — see you this evening."

"Now what sort of a bee can old Charlie have in his bonnet?" Munroe muttered, turning to the newspaper again and gazing thoughtfully at the announcement of the Russo-German pact spread across the front page in sensational headlines of red ink. "Something out of the ordinary, I'll bet." For Colonel Sir Charles Lorne, K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., to whom Rex had just spoken, was one of the bigwigs of the British Intelligence Service, and far too busy at the moment to be concerned about anything but matters of national or grave importance — that was certain.

"I wonder if the Old Boy needs a temporary free-lance agent?" he murmured, relaxing in an attitude of thoughtful mien and thinking of the many years he had known Sir Charles — ever since the last war, in fact —

(To Be Continued)

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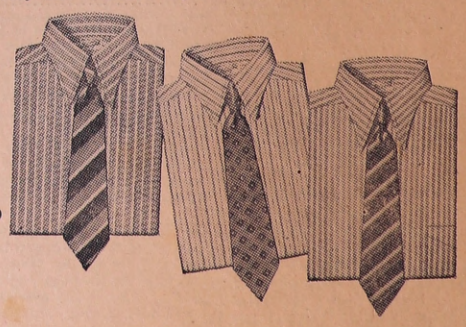

NEWS FOR THE BUSY FARMER

HOLD SHORT COURSES IN THIRTEEN COUNTIES

Short courses in agriculture for rural boys will be held from January 7 to 31 in thirteen counties, R. S. Duncan, Director of Agricultural Representatives, Ontario Department of Agriculture announces. Short courses for rural girls in Home Economics will be held at the same time. An attendance of 325 boys and 250 girls is expected.

Lectures and practical work for the boys will be under the supervision of Mr. Duncan and the Agricultural Representatives in the counties, while the Home Economics course will be under the direction of Miss F. P. Eadie, Women's Institute Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture, and Home Economic coaches.

Courses have been arranged for the following counties: Durham , Hampton; York County, Unionville; South Simcoe, Bradford; Peel, Ebeneezer; Haldimand, Hagersville; Brant, Brantford; Middlesex, Lucan; Lambton, Forest; Perth, Atwood; Wellington, Mt. Forest; Frey, Kilsyth; Waterloo, Wellesley; Dundas, Chesterville. There will be no course for girls in South Simcoe.

Mr. Duncan said there would be a series of five special meetings during the month in the counties of Dufferin and Halton.

Boys and girls in the above counties who would like to take these courses should write or telephone their agricultural representative or Home Economics coach.

FARMERS' HANDY ACCOUNT BOOK

In modern farming, one of the more important essentials is the keeping of accounts, and something more than a rough and ready estimate is necessary. Farming is now more than ever a business proposition and the farmer who does not know the exact state in which he stands with reference to every item connected with his farm is under a handicap. In order to assist the farmer in keeping a record of each department of his business, the Dominion Department of Agriculture issues a very simple and useful little account book covering every essential detail, and, while no special knowledge of accounting is necessary, a record of transactions can often be made in less than one hour a week. The book may be obtained from the King's Printer, Ottawa, at the nominal cost of ten cents. The beginning of the year is as good a time as any to start using the account book, and as it happens the winter time affords the best opportunity to the farmer for making a detailed investigation of his business, past, present and future.

Work of Britain's Fleet Air Arm

The Fleet Air Arm, like the rest of the Royal Navy, is a "silent service" and the public, as a rule, hears little of its work. But, because of its special value as a mobile striking force, the Fleet Air Arm is playing a big part in this war — particularly in the Mediterranean.

Fleet Air Arm warplanes, whose names may soon become as familiar as Spitfire and Hurricane, as destined to play a decisive part in the Mediterranean battles.

Their homes are floating aerodromes — the decks of our several aircraft carriers now serving somewhere over the thousands of miles between Gibraltar and Port Said.

The vastly improved Air Arm is face to face with its first really big chance. It has now in service in subsubtsantial numbers at lease two fine fighters who will be to the Fleet in the Battle of the Mediterranean what the Spitfires and Hurricanes have been to Britain at home.

The latest is the Fairey Fulmar, which is larger than the Hurricane, but otherwise looks somewhat like it. Its speed, while not equal to that of the land fighters, is considerably greater than anything hitherto known in naval aircraft.

This in itself is a big step forward, for, remember, a sea fighter must always be a compromise between speed and ability to land on the limited space afforded by the deck of an aircraft-carrier.

This deck-length is about 700 feet. Landing must be made in much less to be allowed for error in descending on a floating and possibly wave-tossed distance than that if a safe margin is and fast-moving drome.

The Fulmar must alight at much less than the 60 m.p.h. at which the Spitfire lands in a space of something like 900 feet.

This newest naval plane, with unusual speed for a sea fighter and very powerful armament, is certain to make Mediterranean headlines.

So will the Blackburn Roe, by only a few months older than the Fulmar, a two-seater with wing guns and moveable gun-turret amidships.

Both these new sea fighters are monoplanes, like the earlier Blackburn Skua, the first single-winged all-metal machine to go into naval service.

Aircraft-carrier landing limitations were chiefly responsible for the retention in the naval air arm of the slow, easily manoeuvrable, but now largely obsolete biplane fighter.

It gave inadequate air protection to the Fleet against the fast land bombers, and still less against land fighters, with speeds of anything from 300 to 400 m.p.h.

The biplane as a torpedo-dropping bomber, as a "spotter" to help direct warships gunfire, as a reconnaissance machine still survives in the Fleet Air Arm's Swordfish, in its successor the Fairey Albacore, and in the formidable land Gladiator now handed over to the Navy in large numbers and equipped for deck landing.

These maids-of-all-work, Swordfish, Albacore and Skua, do not hurl their 1,500 lb. of torpedo at a target so much as they hurl themselves.

The descend to about 4,000 feet, then power-dive almost vertically to a few hundred feet from their target at which point the torpedo is released.

They are still more than a match for enemy naval dive-bombers. They have already done admirable work against Mussolini's cotton-wool fleet whenever it has shown itself outside its harbors.

They gave fine service at Calais and Dunkirk, both at the evacuation and in covering the inland retirement of the B.E.F. and French forces.

In the Norwegian operations the service they rendered the Fleet and Army equalled that given by the R.A.F. of how that famous magnetic minefield was laid in the Baltic by the Fleet Air Arm and the R.A.F.'s bombers in order to imperil and sink Nazi warships and transports bound from north Germany for Norway.

When it is told it will contain an almost incredibly heroic chapter about the feats of the F.A.A.'s Swordfish.

Their average cruising speed is only about 120 m.p.h., and when huge tanks carrying petrol for the long journey and equally huge magnetic miles were fitted into them, their speed was reduced to little more than 80 or so miles an hour.

Pilots and observer-gunners sat perilously over petrol and high explosive and dawdled through the hostile air, dead easy game for enemy fighter, bomber ro "ack-ack."

German minefields in the narrow seas of the Skagerrak and Kattegat barred the way for British mine-laying vessels to the Baltic. But an Admiralty communique read: "Mines have been laid in the Baltic."

With the R.A.F.'s bombers, the deathless sailor-armen heroes of the Fleet Air Arm's Swordfish had been to the Baltic — at 80 or so m.p.h.!

They are the men whom the Italians will increasingly meet over the blue waters of the Mediterranean in the coming months. Only, this time they will be in speedy Fulmars and Rocs, and much else, as well as in Swordfish!

Static By The Editor

Irish

"Sure and what a night it is!" said the Irishman at a party. "It's simply pouring."

"You can't go home in that downpour," remarked the host. "You had better stay the night with us."

The Irishman disappeared and returned some time later, soaking wet.

"Where have you been," asked the host.

"Home for my pyjamas," replied the Irishman.

Useful Man

Sergeant (exasperated): "As far as I'm concerned, you're good for only one thing in rifle practice."

Recruit (hopefully): "What's that?"

Sergeant: "You tremble so much you'd make a fine moving target for the rest of the squad."

Tempered Down

A spinster living in a London suburb was shocked at the language used by two men repairing telegraph wires close to her home. She wrote to the company on the matter, and the foreman was asked to report. This he did in the following way:

"Me and Bill Fairweather were on this job. I was up the telegraph pole, and accidentally let the hot lead fall on Bill. It went down his neck. Then he said: 'You really must be more careful, Harry'."

Always Idle

Mrs. Homestopper — "Did you ever see a Hindu idol, Mr. Trotter?"

Mr. G. Trotter — "I never saw 'em any other way. They're always idle."

ABANDONING FOIL

Aluminum foil is being progressively discontinued in Canada for the wrapping of cigarettes, tea, confectionery and other goods, and shortly will go out of use entirely for the duration of the war, so that the aluminum may be diverted to war purposes. It has been decreed by the Department of Munitions and Supply that after the first of the year no aluminum will be made available to foil manufacturing companies. For the next five weeks such companies will be provided with their irreducible minimum requirements.

LET'S FORGIVE THIS GREEK DEBT

Greece owes this country $6,525,000. Would it not be a splendid gesture for Canada to forgive the Greek people that debt as an expression of the admiration all Canadians feel for the stand they re making at the Greek Thermopylae?

In April, 1919, Canada loaned Greece $7,521,300. The money was used to buy Canadian food products. The loan was funded in 1923 when Greece gave us $8 millions of five per cent. bonds maturing in various instalments up to 1948. Between 1924 and 1931 Greece paid $1,475,000 on account. We have received nothing since. With Greece involved in a costly war it is doubtful if she will ever be able to pay as much if anything.

We also loaned money about the same time to Roumania, France and Belgium. The latter two countries repaid their debts. Roumania has not, but deserves no particular consideration from Canada at this time.

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How can we pay our debt to them?

The least we can do is to Save every dollar that we can and lend it to Canada, so that Canada can provide everything in munitions and equipment to fortify these men for the defence of our country and our civilization.

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So then, whatever else you do at this Christmas season, save and invest in War Savings Certificates. The very consciousness of your service in the Defence of your homeland will make greater your personal enjoyment of Christmas.

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COUNCIL HOLDS FINAL SESSION

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ported that a total of $20,162.03 had been collected in taxes, $18,462 being current year's taxes.

Reeve West stated he had received a complaint from Wilson Harlow re an error in his taxes. On motion of Councillors Bailey and Stapley a rebate of $2.30 was given Mr. Harlow.

Treasurer R. A. Patterson gave a most comprehensive survey of the year's business, and although the figures given were not complete in every detail, it appears that the Council will close the year with a substantial balance on hand. Members of Council were unanimous in their praise of the efficient work of the tax collector, whose report showed a greater percentage of current year taxes collected than has been the case for many years.

A by-law to appoint time and place for holding Nominations for Reeve and Councillors of the Village of Stirling, for nominating trustees for the Board of Education and Hydro Commissioners was given its several readings and passed.

Should a poll be necessary it will be held in the Community Hall on January 6th, 1941. Mr. Harry Potter was appointed Deputy Returning Officer and Thos. McConnell and W. L. Fox as Poll Clerks.

Reeve West thanked the members of Council for co-operation and attention to their duties during the year. It had been a harmonious year, and although some of the receipts had not been as great as anticipated, he thought on the whole the financial statement would be satisfactory to the ratepayers.

Council adjourned Sine Die.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Ernest Skinkle, Percy Township farmer, will have his case aired at the Spring Assizes in Cobourg. Preliminary hearing of evidence on the assault charge laid against him as the result of an encounter with Lester Hay, Stirling, was heard by Magistrate O. A. Langley, K.C., at Campbellford, on Saturday afternoon. According to evidence submitted by two Crown witnesses, G. I. Gordon and William Coveny, they were seated in a corn field when Skinkle appeared in an angry mood because someone had let his cows into the turnip field. He picked Hay who subsequently spent six weeks in Belleville Hospital, as his principal opponent, and after knocking him down allegedly kicked him in the face. Skinkle did not take the stand. Dr. E. A. Carleton, Stirling, was the chief witness for the Crown. Charles Payne, K.C., of Belleville, acted for the accused, and Crown Attorney Harry Deyman of Cobourg was the prosecutor.

A. Y. P. A.

On Monday evening the St. John's Young People's held an "open evening" in the parish hall, to which all members of the congregation were invited. The Rev. Harding was chairman for the evening. The programme was opened by the assembled company singing "There'll Always Be An England." As there was a very interesting evening's entertainment drawn up, the Rev. Harding suggested that there be no delay in commencing and he asked Miss Dorothy West to give the first selection, which was two songs, with guitar accompaniment. During the evening Miss K. Wright and Miss P. Vance favoured the audience by playing several piano solos and duets.

The younger members of the congregation also helped in the entertainment. The first number by the smaller ones was two Christmas carols sung by Miss B. Price and Miss Gravers. Following, the Harding twins, with the help of Leslie, and their father accompanying on the piano, sang two delightful children's songs. Jimmie Wright play a selection of piano numbers from memory that show the young man's skill as a future pianist of note. Mr. Fred Houchin livened up the evening by rendering several wild west songs on his mandolin, the Rev. Harding helping him out on the last with his ukelele. A trio composed of Mrs. Burton Woodbeck, Mr. Leonard Nicholson and Mr. Irwin Woodbeck played several square dance tunes that were enjoyed immensely. Mrs. Woodbeck also played her guitar and sang two solos. Mr. Peter Simmons gave a reading from Pickwick Papers by Chas. Dickens. The story was of a certain gentleman who found that skating isn't always a pleasure.

The last item on the program was a play, entitled "Our Mothers' Aid Society." The play was very humorous and the ladies did justice to the parts as they had had no practices and several members of the original cast w[illegible] not able to be present. Miss Mar[illegible] West played the part of Mrs. Tho[illegible] bury, at whose home the weekly m[illegible] ing was held. Mrs. Adams and [illegible] George were played by Miss Ver[illegible] lor and Mrs. Verna Woodbeck re[illegible] ively. Mrs. Wiggens was p[illegible] Mrs. Harding, and the old gossiping grandma Higgens was played by Miss Dorothy West. Mrs. Davis was represented by Miss P. Vance and Miss K. Wright took the part of the maid.

At the end of this very enjoyable evening, Rev. Harding thanked those who had taken part and all those who had come to help contribute to the Christmas Tree fund. The meeting was concluded by the singing of the National Anthem.

WELLMANS L.O.L. HELD ANNUAL MEETING

Wellmans Loyal Orange Lodge held their annual meeting on Monday evening, Dec. 9th, with Bro. W. M. Lloyd King in the chair. There was a good attendance of members of the Lodge present. Bro. Carl Clancy, District Master, took charge of the elections and installation of officers. The following are the officers for the year 1941:

W.M. — Bro. Raymond McConnell.
D.W.M. — Bro. Harry McAdam.
Chaplain — Bro. Rev. J. E. Beckel.
R.S. — Bro. Norman McConnell.
F.S. — Bro. Victor Graham.
Treas. — Bro. Carl Clancy.
Marshall — Bro. Blake Sharp.
Lecturers — Bros. E. McMullen and E. Scott.
Tylers — Bros. Walter Scott and L. Pauley.

ANNUAL MEETING OF PRODUCERS

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dence of the producers having made a real effort this year to supply the cheese factories with the right type of milk. It means, too, that the milk producer is paid for the extra care he takes of his product. Our cheesemakers have turned down more poor quality milk than ever this year. Some producers may feel sore when their milk is sent back to them, but they should realize that the maker is trying to get for them the last cent for the cheese he makes. And he can't do that with a poor quality of milk. When he sends milk home it is in the interest of that producer."

The advantages of cool curing rooms and of milk testing were also emphasized by Mr. Lackner. The Cheese Producers' Association had assumed responsibility of milk testing, and had made a real contribution.

Mr. Joss recalled that the Cheese [illegible]roducers' Association would begin [illegible] seventh year early in February. [illegible] had set out first to re-establish [illegible]heese boards, and that had been done [illegible]th excellent results in nearly all [illegible]es. They had obtained a premium [illegible]uality cheese, and last year this [illegible] amounted to 800,000, of which [illegible]ent. was earned by Ontario [illegible]actories.

[illegible] premium this year, Mr. Joss [illegible], was estimated at close to $1,100,[illegible]. "I believe the premium will be [illegible]ontinued in 1941, and we have asked [illegible]he Government to try to make this [illegible]ecision as early as possible. We were [illegible]nformed that it would probably be in January, so that our milk producers may be in a position to get ready for the season of 1941."

H. S. EXAM RESULTS ARE ANNOUNCED

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Ormiston, Shirley — Eng. Lit., 1st; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Anc. Hist., 2nd; Alg., F; Agr. I., C; Fr., 2nd; Lat. 2nd.

Reid, Gordon — Eng. Lit., C; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Anc. Hist., 2nd; Alg. 2nd; Agr. I., 1st; Fr., 1st; Lat., 1st.

Reid, Morton — Eng. Lit., F; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Anc. Hist., 1st; Alg., 2nd; Agr. I., 3rd; Fr., 3rd; Lat., F.

Richardson, Malcolm — Eng. Lit., 2nd; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Anc. Hist., 2nd; Alg., 1st; Agr. I., 1st; Fr., 1st; Lat., 1st.

Salisbury, Jean — Eng. Lit., 2nd; Eng. Comp., 3rd; Anc. Hist., 1st; Alg., C; Agr. I., 2nd; Fr., 1st; Lat., 1st.

Sheridan, LaVerne — Eng. Lit., 3rd; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Anc. Hist., 3rd; Alg., 1st; Agr. I., 2nd; Lat., 3rd; Fr. (X), 2nd.

Simmons, Peter — Anc. Hist., 1st.

Tanner, Eileen — Eng. Lit., 2nd; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Anc. Hist., 2nd; Alg., F; Agr. I., C; Fr. 2nd; Lat., 1st.

Tanner, Ray — Lat., C.

Vanderwater, Margaret — Eng. Lit., 1st; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Anc. Hist., 2nd; Alg., F; Agr. I., 3rd; Fr., C; Lat., F.

Walker, Rowan — Lat., 3rd; Fr. (X), 1st.

Watson, James — Eng. Lit., C; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Anc. Hist., 2nd; Alg., F; Agr. I., C; Fr., 3rd; Lat., 3rd.

West, Marjorie — Agr. I., 3rd.

Wright, Donald — Eng. Lit., F; Eng. Comp., 2nd; Anc. Hist., 2nd; Alg., F; Agr. I., 2nd; Fr., F; Lat., C.

Grade X.

Marjorie Bush, 88.2; Mary Louise Lanigan, 84.5; Helen Morgan, 84.1; Marion Rose, 79.2; Shirley Robson, 78.1; Bobby Jackman, 77.6; Donald Barton, 77.2; Raymond Dafoe, 75.6; Katherine Wright, 73.3; Evelyn West, 72.2; Betty McDonnell, 70.2; Douglas Stocker, 70.0; George Reid, 69.5; Harold Bush, 68.3; Carman Beckel, 67.6; Audrey Robson, 67.6; Dorothy West, 67.3; Douglas Patterson, 66.6; Lindsay Sills, 64.5; Roy Thompson, 64.2; Joyce Sine, 63.1; Bob Bateman, 63.0; Ross Jeffs, 61.4; Marjorie Phillips, 61.2; Eileen McCoy, 61.0; Murney Bateman, 59.7; Grenville Sine, 59.6; Doris Lummis, 58.9; Marybelle Rogers, 57.3; Marion Tulloch, 55.5; Charles Maybee, 54.2; Ralph Jeffs, 50.3; Kennard Baker, 49.1; Hadley Richardson, 43.7; Norman Murray, 37.1; Donald Hulin, 36.0.

Grade IX.

Betty, Lucas, 86.0; Fred Eggleton, 85.3; Iris Holland, 76.4; June Heath, 74.9; Elinor Bird, 74.1; Ronald Lowery, 73.8; Lee Conley, 73.3; Floyd MacInnis, 73.0; Douglas Bastedo, 72.6; Earl Haslett, 71.7; Doris Pollock, 71.5; June Woodbeck, 71.4; Shirley Francis, 71.0; Thomas Burley, 69.4; Seymour Ashley, 68.9; Donald Runnalls, 68.5; Jack Morgan, 68.4; Aleita Conley, 68.1; Robert Gay, 66.5; Gerald Scott, 66.3; Barton Tanner, 66.1; Norman Nelson, 65; William Gay, 64.3; Hazel Wannamaker, 63.3; Betty Jones, 62.1; Robt. Elliott, 61.5; Glenn Sine, 61.0; Eileen Bradshaw, 60.9; Douglas Campbell, 60.5; Meighen Rodgers, 59.8; Lucy Morrison, 59; Norman Nelson, 59; Thomas Stocker, 58.1; Ruth Reid, 57; David Duffin, 56.4; Clayton Richardson, 54.6; Helen Hick, 53.5; Evelyn Bleecker, 51.6; Joe Forestell, 49.8; Irene Preston, 48; Audrey Gay, 43.7; Lloyd Cooney, 40.4; Vincent Ryan, 33.8.

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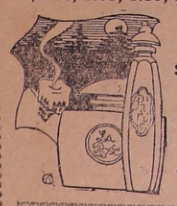

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THANKS ARE DUE

✣ Success once again crowned the efforts of the Stirling Christmas Tree Club where close to a thousand boys and girls attended the annual Christmas Tree Parade, held recently. Ideal weather prevailed and Santa Claus gave each child a generous donation of candy, nuts, etc., following which they were guests of the Village at a show held in the local theatre.

While the children were being entertained their parents were free to visit the local stores and do their Christmas Shopping. The merchants report an increase in business during the afternoon and feel well repaid for their contribution towards sponsoring this annual parade.

The thanks of the entire community are due president A. E. Strickland and his band of assistants who gave of their time and energy in planning and carrying out the event; to the Village Council and the management of the theatre for making the entertainment of the children possible, and to all those who made donations of cash and goods.

DRIVE WITH CAUTION

✣ The festive season will be happier if every motorist resolves to do his part in preventing traffic accidents. Ontario streets and highways can be made safe, but the police cannot do the job themselves. It requires the co-operation of every driver, particularly at this season of the year, when ice and snow increase driving hazards, and eternal vigilance is the price of safety. The good driver's responsibility involves more than being in the right himself. It also includes looking out for the careless and less experienced drivers and dong his best to protect them from the consequences of their lack of care. It includes respect for the folly, as well as the rights, of children and [illegible] trians. It includes obedience to [illegible] well as the letter of traffic regul[illegible] tario motorists [illegible] to do all [illegible] d by the toll of de[illegible] curred in past yea[illegible]

YOUR [illegible]

It's time to make your New Year's resolutions. Now that the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season are over, and we are on the verge of a New Year, we should pause in our round of duties to take stock of our activities in the past year and see wherein we have made mistakes and then resolve to do better during the coming year. It is only by making note of mistakes that we may hope to avoid them in future and in this way reach a greater degree of perfection in our individual callings. It is customary for many people to make resolutions at New Year's, and whether or not they keep them for a length of time they are worth while. The very fact that one will sit down and think out just where he needs to improve himself is in itself well worth while, and if he succeeds in carrying it out he has accomplished something of which he may feel proud. So don't sit back this year and make no resolutions, because they are certain to do you some good, if only that you have taken stock of your actions. A clean sheet lies before you and it is up to you to make the best of it. The New Year will be just what we make it, so far as our individual lives are concerned.

NOMINATIONS MONDAY

✣ On Monday next, December 30th, Nomination proceedings will be held for the Village and the adjacent Townships of Rawdon and Sidney, when the members of the various municipal bodies will be called upon to give an accounting of their stewardship during the past year.

In Stirling the meeting will be held in the Community Hall at seven o'clock p.m., while in the two townships nominations are received between the hours of twelve o'clock noon and one [illegible] clock p.m., Standard Time. While there is [illegible] derable talk among the ratepayers of the [illegible] municipalities about what is likely to [illegible] ce, only time will tell the results of the [illegible] meetings. An added significance is [illegible] o this year's nomination proceedings [illegible] roposal of the Hepburn Government [illegible] unicipal elections for two years or [illegible] ion of the war.

[illegible] ratepayers of Stirling are to be [illegible] ntity of expressing their wishes [illegible] through a plebiscite which will [illegible] ary 6th, the Councils of both [illegible] aken it for granted that the [illegible] are favourable to being de[illegible] lege of choosing their repre[illegible] ar, and have not taken the [illegible] vote on it. Under the circum[illegible] t that the ratepayers choose [illegible] rable for the various munici-

Many times in the past few years we have lamented, through these columns, the apathy shown by the electors of the Village towards nomination proceedings and we are hoping that this year will see a large number on hand to show their interest in the conduct of the affairs of the municipality. This is the only opportunity that the members of the Village Council, Board of Education and the Hydro-Electric Commission have to address the ratepayers on questions affecting the welfare of the village. It also provides an opportunity for those who have their own ideas of how the affairs of the municipality should be conducted to express their views before the ratepayers. Very often those who are most critical of the work of the council in mid-summer fail to attend Nomination to say what they think, or if they do attend, haven't anything to say. Constructive criticism should be welcomed by any municipal body, but there is no room from criticism of the carping kind, or for those who introduce personalities.

Insofar as the present council is concerned, one hears little serious criticism. However, there is no telling what may happen at Monday night's meeting. Reeve West has served the municipality well in the Chief Magistrate's chair, and has proven a good presiding officer at the various meetings of Council. He has also ably looked after the village's interests at the various sessions of County Council, and it is said he is willing to serve another term. Councillors Rollins, Stapley, Bailey and Thompson have also served the municipality well, but like the Reeve, have not announced their intentions regarding next year.

The year now drawing to a close has been an average one, with no extensive work being done in any department. The tax rate was increased two mills, but there are good and sufficient reasons for this, which will no doubt be fully explained at the meeting. The County rate was increased three-quarters of a mill, the school levy one mill and the Library one-half a mill. In addition, the Provincial subsidy was down one-half a mill. The revenue has not been as large in some departments as anticipated, but a perusal of the financial statement will show the Village in a strong financial position, with a substantial balance on hand.

There will also be nominations for three members of the Board of Education, and one Hydro Commissioner. Messrs Ewart Bailey, R. B. Duffin and Dr. E. A. Carleton are the retiring members for the former body and it is expected that all three will stand for re-election.

For the Hydro Commission Mr. Roy Eggleton is the member whose term of office has expired. While a member of the Commission, Mr. Eggleton has rendered excellent service to the hydro users, and it is the general opinion that he will receive an acclamation.

In Rawdon Township, Reeve G. B. Bedford has proven an able legislator, and along with Deputy-Reeve W. J. Tanner, has given the township representation at the County Council. Messrs J. Morrison, Wilfred Spencer and Geo. Eastwood, Councillors, along with the Reeve and Deputy-Reeve, have worked harmoniously in the interests of the township and all have proved themselves able representatives. The expenditures have been kept well within the estimates and the year was closed with a balance on hand.

In Sidney Township Reeve Fred G. Wilson, Deputy-Reeve Sam Nicolson and Councillors Ben Bleecker, Sam Danford and Fred Campbell have all given good service to the Township during their term of office and have proven that the electors' confidence was not misplaced in them. The finances of the township are in good shape and every effort has been made by the Council to keep the expenditures at a low level. There has been little talk of an election, but nomination proceedings in Sidney Township are always well attended and there doubtless will be several names offered for the various offices at Monday's meeting.

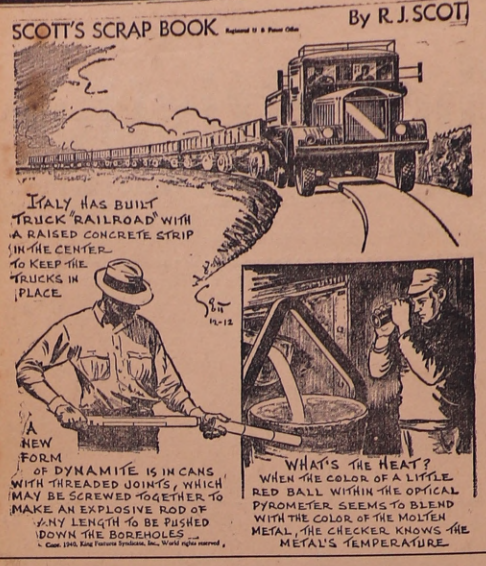
CURRENT COMMENT

✣ A Happy New Year to all our Subscribers, advertisers, correspondents and friends, from the Editor and Staff.

✣ Motorists are reminded to save their old license plates for the Red Cross. You may leave them at "Bob" Patterson's store, from where they will be shipped to headquarters.

✣ R. J. Scott, president, United Farmers' Co-operative Co., "offered questionable advice to young farmers in Ontario," says the Farmers Advocate, when he advised them to quit the farm. The Advocate urges the young people leaving the concession lines for jobs in town to keep up their connections with the soil, pointing out very wisely that after the war, "it may be a haven to which they will gladly return."

✣ Our thanks are due the Canadian Geographical Society for a complimentary copy of the December issue of its Journal. This issue was devoted wholly to the story of the Canadian Red Cross and proved very interesting, particularly at this particular time, when this organization is occupying such a prominent place in the lives of a great many of our citizens. The edition was both well illustrated and edited and was a credit to all those who had any part in its publication.



What Others Say

While the price of butter is going up it might not be out of order to ask who is going to make the profit on the millions of tons in storage. — Peterboro Examiner.

REWARD AT LAST

British Admiralty announces a change by which promotions are no longer to be dependent on seniority. The seniority system started in 1718 and the "merit system" has been trying to get it altered since 1747. That's what patience and perseverance can do. — Owen Sound Sun-Times.

MENTIONED AS WARDEN

While there is still nothing definite as to his being a member of County Council next year owing to the fact that nominations and possibly an election are still to be held, Reeve Wm. Davis, of Bangor, Wicklow and McClure, is being prominently mentioned for the office of Warden for the coming year. Reeve Davis has been a member of County Council for a number of years and during that term has not only proven himself an able legislator, but has gained a high place in the friendship and esteem of his fellow Councillors. During the past year he has occupied the office of Chairman of Administration of Justice, and should he be chosen Warden there is no doubt that he will fill it with both grace and ability. — Bancroft Times.

LEARN TO BE CANADIAN

Two of the most hopeful true stories we have ever read have come from the last two naturalization courts held in Haileybury.

One was that of a man who told the judge that it was his children, who are attending public school in Kirkland Lake, who brought home to him the importance of being a Canadian citizen, and in giving them the same privilege.

The other was that of a man, also from Kirkland Lake, whose papers had been withheld at a previous court on account of his poor knowledge of English. This man attended the English class for New Canadians at the Collegiate night class, and as a result passed his second test with flying colours, and is now one of us. — Kirkland Lake News.

SCHEDULE FOR SENIOR "B" HOCKEY

Following is the schedule for the district group of the Senior B Hockey series, in which teams from the Trenton Air Force, Peterboro, Belleville, Kingston and Whitby will participate.

Jan. 3 — Air Force at Belleville.
Whitby at Peterboro.
Jan. 6 — Peterboro at Belleville.
Jan. 10 — Belleville at Peterboro.
Whitby at Air Force
Jan. 15 — Belleville at Whitby
Kingston at Air Force
Jan. 17 — Belleville at Air Force
Peterboro at Kingston.
Jan. 22 — Belleville at Kingston.
Jan. 24 — Kingston at Whitby.
Air Force at Peterboro.
Jan 29 — Peterboro at Whitby.
Air Force at Kingston.
Jan. 31 — Whitby at Belleville.
Kingston at Peterboro.
Feb. 5 — Air Force at Whitby.
Kingston at Belleville.
Feb. 7 — Whitby at Kingston.
Peterboro at Air Force.

The playoffs are to start Monday, Feb. 10.

Trenton R.C.A.F. home games at Belleville. All games in group to start at 8.30 p.m. D.S.T. Any postponed games must be played before Feb. 8, otherwise points will be split.

Twenty Years Ago

Issue December 23rd, 1920

Madoc Junctnon

Miss Lottie Ashley's friends will be sorry to hear she is seriously ill with the epidemic that has broken out at the D. and D. School, Belleville, and cannot be brought home for some time.

Local and Personal

Miss Lera McIntosh, O.A.C., Guelph, is home for the vacation.

Miss Lillian McGuire is home from Peterboro Normal for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Melville Reid, of Belleville, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Wright and two children, of Windhorst, Sask., are renewing acquaintances in town and vicinity.

Mr. Geo. Thompson left on Monday to take up his work in the Belleville Branch of the Bank of Montreal. His place here is filled by Mr. Charles Allen.

Miss Laura Holden arrived home from Semans, Sask., last evening and will spend her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Holden, of Carmel.

Trent Valley Hockey League

The [illegible] meeting of representatives from Stirling, [illegible]mora and Tweed met at Marmora on Tuesday, Dec. 14, and formed a Trent Valley Hockey League. The following officers were elected:

Hon. Pres. — G. G. Thrasher, Stirling; Reeve Airhart, Marmora; and Reeve Kindred, Tweed.

Pres. — W. J. Whitty, Stirling.
1st Vice — Hugh Wiggins, Marmora.
2nd Vice — Felix Rashotte, Tweed.
Sec.-Treas. — H. Soanes, Tweed.
Executive — Officers and Mr. Cook, Stirling, H. Connor, Marmora, and R. E. Houston, Tweed.

Births

MARTIN — In Springfield, Ont., on Saturday, Dec. 18th, 1920, to Mr. and Mrs. Norman B. Martin, a son (Robert Norman).

Married

KEEGAN - RUPERT — On Tuesday, Dec. 21st, 1920, at the parsonage, at Frankford, by Rev. I. Snell, Mr. Arthur James Keegan, Stirling, to Miss Anna Mary Rupert, Frankford.

STIRLING BOYS WITH CANADIAN FORCES

In case there are any omissions we will appreciate being advised of the same, in order that the list may be kept up-to-date.

Hastings-Prince Edward Regiment

Major E. W. Matthews, Stirling.
Lieut. C. Holmes, Stirling.
C.S.M. E. J. Dainard, Stirling.
Cpl. H. McLeaming
Cpl. Clarence Heath, Stirling
Sgt. Clarence A. Wright.
Cpl. W. J. Preston.
Signaller Harry W. Brooks, Stirling
Lce.-Cpl. J. H. Preston.
Pte. S. Dainard, Stirling.
Pte. F. D. Wood, Stirling.
Pte. Alvin John Stoneburg, Stirling
Pte. Harry Jones, Stirling.
Pte. Jack Bowen, Stirling.
Pte. Donald Bibby, Holloway.
Pte. C. R. Dunkley.
Pte. Lorne Kirkey, Stirling.
Pte. Raymond Scott
Pte. J. P. Tuepah, Stirling.
Pte. R. A. Heath, Stirling.
Pte. H. R. Skillicorn, Stirling.
Pte. Ned Faires, Stirling.
Pte. Delbert Ashley, Stirling.
Pte. Elmer West
Pte. H. Lummis
Pte. J. Ackers
Pte. John Rosebush
Pte. Geo. Dunkley.
Pte. Clayton Heath.
Pte. Carman Osborne
Pte. Wm. S. Gray
Pte. W. H. Anderson, Hoards.
Pte. G. T. Cook, Harold.
Pte. E. E. Curlette, Holloway.
Pte. G. B. E. Faulkner, Holloway.
Pte. R. B. Faulkner, Holloway.
Pte. L. S. Ray, Springbrook.
Pte. G. D. Stephens, Holloway.
Pte. J. Telford, West Huntingdon.
Pte. Geo. E. Cotten, Harold
Cpl. Ross Cronkwright, Bonarlaw.
Pte. M. E. Wright, Ivanhoe.
Pte. P. B. Kelly, Holloway.
Pte. R. E. Ray, Springbrook.
Pte. Donald Stapley, Madoc Junction
Pte. Wm. Alexander.
Pte. N. McLeod, West Huntingdon.
Pte. John Townsend, Holloway
Pte. Jas. Akey, Holloway.
Pte. Jack Vilneff.

Midland Regiment C.A.S.F.

Chas. Carvin
Pte. David Wellman, Bonarlaw.

R. C. A. F.

Colin Fox
Jack Potter
Jack Bailey, Stirling.
Stewart McGowan, Stirling.
Reginald Clarke, Stirling.
Jack Scott
Donald Scott, Stirling.
Gerald Ward, Stirling
Aubrey Rodgers, Stirling
Harold F. Taylor, Harold.

R.C.A.

Chas. Faires, Jr.
John McMechan
Gunner J. W. Symons, Stirling.
Henry Dean, Bonarlaw.
Gnr. Jack Lummis.
Gr. J. C. Bateman, Stirling.

R.C.A.M.C.

Capt. W. H. Pedley

C.D.C.

Jack Tullough

R.C.H.A.

Gnr. George Stewart, C.D., Hoards

R.C.A.S.C.

Frank Parsons

Lanark Renfrew Scottish

Fred Dainard, Stirling.

Royal Canadian Navy

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Donald Broadworth
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Sgt. H. Skillett.
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NEWS FOR THE BUSY FARMER

ONTARIO WINTER FAIR SPONSORS SEED SHOW

A Winter Seed Show, similar to the successful show held last year, will again be sponsored by the seed division of the Ontario Provincial Winter Fair (Guelph Winter Fair) E. K. Hampson, Hamilton, vice-President of the Fair announces. The show will be held the week of February 10th in the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, and will provide an opportunity for dealers and farmers to view and purchase the best in seed grain.

The show, Mr. Hampson points out, is strictly commercial and only those growers who have substantial quantities of seed grain for sale will be eligible to compete in the various classes.

The prize list and other particulars will be available about January 1st. All enquiries should be addressed to the secretary of the show, L. E. O'Neill, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

ARRANGE FINE PROGRAMME FOR VEGETABLE GROWERS

Officials of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association are expecting a record attendance at the 36th annual convention of the vegetable growers in Toronto, on January 7th, with the annual meeting being held the following day.

Seven addresses, all pertinent to the vegetable industry, will be given during the day, while W. J. McCulloch, foreign news editor of the Hamilton Spectator will be the banquet speaker.

Cecil Dolworth, well-known vegetable expert of Weston, will speak on "The economical and sane use of fertilizers." L. F. Burrows, Canadian Horticultural Council, Ottawa, will talk on the "Marketing outlook for Vegetables in 1941." Miss Laura C. Pepper, chief of the Consumer section, Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa, will conclude the morning session with an address on "Canadian foods for health."

"The separate horticulture schedule for the 1941 census," will be discussed by O. A. Lemieux, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa, while one of the most interesting addresses of the convention will be given by M. M. Robinson, Hamilton, on the work of the Canadian Food Distribution Council. Another important address will be given by H. H. Hannam, president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. His subject will be "Should Farmers Lobby"?

G. S. Houghman, secretary-manager of the Ontario Division, Retail Merchants' Association of Canada, will address the noon luncheon Wednesday, Jan. 8th, on "Co-operation or compulsion — which?"

Chas. Williams, president of the Vegetable Growers' Association, will preside at all sessions.

CHEESE FACTORY ACT PROVES ITS VALUE

One cannot over-estimate the benefits to the cheese industry of Canada which result from the Cheese and Cheese Factory Improvement Act and the accompanying financial asisstance provided by the Dominion Department of Agriculture in connection with the amalgamation of factories and the insulation and refrigeration of ripening rooms, the standardization of pressing equipment, and the payment of a premium on a quality basis, said Joseph Burgess, Chief, Dairy Products, Grading and Inspection Service, Dominion Department of Agriculture, at the recent annual convention of the Central Ontario Cheesemakers' Association at Belleville, Ont.

It was a well-known fact that amalgamation of factories was advisable in some localities, also insulating and refrigerating the ripening rooms must have a beneficial effect on the quality of cheese, in addition to reducing the loss in weight by control of the temperature and humidity during the time the cheeses are held in the ripening room, while paying for cheese on a graded basis was not only sound in principle, but was the only basis which encouraged the maximum effort for improvement.

There was a remarkable improvement in quality in 1940 which was due to various factors, one of which must be attributed to the assistance provided under the Cheese and Cheese Factory Improvement Act for better ripening room facilities, along with the payment of the premium on a quality basis. It is expected that the total premium paid throughout the Dominion will be over one million dollars, an increase at least $400,000 over the payments in 1939. It had been part of his, the speaker's, duties for the past 17 years, or ever since cheese grading began, to supervise the grading and never had there been as in 1940 such a large proportion of the total make of Ontario and Quebec cheese equal to 93 or 94 score, or what was generally recognized as the finest type of Canadian cheese.

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SULPHIDE RESIDENT IS CHARGED WITH THEFT

Charged with the theft of several hundred pounds of honey property of R. Parks, Madoc Twp., apiarist, Albert Moore, Sulphide, was arrested over the week-end by Provincial Police Constable Jack Dymond, and lodged in Madoc jail to await hearing.

Two hundred pounds of a five hundred pound lot alleged to have been stolen, according to Parks, have been recovered by the police. Moore's arrest culminated intensive investigations by Constable Dymond and the apprehension of the accused man following the discovery of 85 pounds of honey in a Madoc service station, which, the owner claims, he purchased from Moore. The honey had been missing for three months.

SIDNEY COUNCIL

The closing session of the Sidney Council for 1940 was held on the 16th inst. The minutes of the November meeting were read and adopted.

Danford and Nicolson — Whereas the members of the Canadian Active Service Force have to pay their own railway fare in travelling to and from their homes, and whereas the Sidney Council feels that this is an unnecessary burden to place on such men, causing them to hitch-hike on the highways and often prevents them from visiting their families:

Therefore be it resolved that the Federal Government be petitioned to supply all members of the Canadian Active Service Force while on official leave, with passes, free of charge, to travel on the Canadian National Railway. Cd.

Bleecker and Campbell — That relief accounts for November be paid. Cd.

Nicolson and Bleecker — That the following accounts be paid: Municipal World, $3.02; W. A. Reid, $3.00; Hastings Co., $86.23; Ontario Intelligencer, 38c; L. J. Ketcheson, $8.00; Thos. Watt, $3.00; H. J. Madill, $5.85; Ada S. Harry, $8.19; Frank Sparks, $3.00; J. Kiernan, $2.00; D. Green, $35.00; D. E. Grass, $10.00; M. Chard, $5.00; J. H. Hendricks, 40c; A. Clare, $2.00; H. Wright, $10.00; R. A. Patterson, $15.00; Geo. W. Bush, $125.00; H. R. Hunt, $270.00; E. Sine, $2.00. Cd.

Danford and Bleecker — That the report of the Weed Inspector be adopted. Cd.

Nicolson and Campbell — That we renew our insurance on Road machinery with Mr. J. Arnold Sticklé. Cd.

Campbell and Danford — That Road Accts. under Voucher No. 12 be paid. Cd.

Danford and Nicolson — That we purchase a 1940 half-ton Dodge truck from Mr. Hopkins, Foxboro, for seven hundred dollars, subject to the approval of the Department of Highways. Cd.

Danford and Bleecker — that we petition the Provincial Government for the subsidy on roads in Sidney Township for the year 1940. Cd.

Danford and Campbell — That we insure the Township Truck for Public Liability, Property Damage, Fire and Theft, with Haig, McDougall and Bateman. Cd.

Nicolson and Bleecker — That Council adjourn Sine Die.

RAWDON COUNCIL

The Municipal Council of the Township of Rawdon met on Dec. 16th, with all members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved on motion of Tanner and Morrison.

Spencer and Eastwood — that J. W. Haggerty be paid hospital account of $31.38, Rawdon Township's share, being one-half of the following accounts: Walter Brownson, $32.25; Isabelle Dunkley, $7.00; Verna Ryan, $23.50. Cd.

Tanner and Spencer — that Hydro account of $91.00, covering Springbrook street lights for the year be paid. Cd.

Tanner and Morrison — that the Tax Collector's Bond be renewed for the coming year and the premium of $30.00 be paid. Cd.

Spencer and Eastwood — that R. A. Patterson be paid $25.00 Court fees for the year 1940. Cd.

Eastwood and Morrison — that the Clerk be paid $5.00 for purchasing wreath for Rawdon Township for Armistice Day Service. Cd.

Tanner and Spencer — that Municipal World be paid $7.32 account in full for supplies. Cd.

Morrison and Tanner — that school Equipment Grant of $467.74 be paid. Cd.

Tanner and Spencer — that Road Superintendent Voucher No. 9 for $658.65 plus Gas Tax of $7.32 be paid. Cd.

Eastwood and Morrison — that Road Superintendent be paid $15.00 covering labour of sawing wood on 12th Concession. Cd.

Morrison and Tanner — that Mr. Mel. Fitzgerald be paid $15.00 relief for James Galloway and family for the month of November. Cd.

Tanner and Morrison — that Treasurer have authority to issue cheques to the Secretary-Treasurer of each School Section for their school money also to pay the County Call. Cd.

Spencer and Eastwood — that the Road Superintendent deliver two cords of wood to Mrs. Louisa Wilcon. Cd.

Tanner and Spencer — that Reg. McKeown be paid $2.40 for electric light bulbs for Springbrook Street Lights. Cd.

Tanner and Morrison — that the salaries for the different township officers for the year be paid. Cd.

Eastwood and Morrison — that the Council adjourn for the Board of Health to meet. Cd.

Tanner and Morrison — that Council revert to general business. Cd.

Eastwood and Tanner — that J. S. Morton be paid $3.00 for drugs supplied Board of Health. Cd.

Tanner and Morrison — that Council as a Whole go into a Committee on By-laws. Cd.

By-Law No. 629 — Appointing Alex McCurdy as Tax Collector for the Township of Rawdon for the remainder of the year 1940 and the year 1941. Cd.

By-law No. 630 — appointing Returning officers and Poll Clerks for the year 1941.

Spencer and Eastwood — that Council resume to general business. Cd.

Tanner and Spencer — that Reeve be paid for all long distance telephone calls regarding township business. Cd.

Spencer and Tanner — that Minutes as read be adopted. Cd.

Morrison and Tanner — that Council adjourn Sine Die.

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Not since the Infantile Paralysis epidemic of 1937 has the Hospital been asked to rise to such an emergency. Although the situation developed like a bolt from the blue, arrangements were quickly completed.

As we all know now, the number of British children sent to Canada this summer did not reach nearly the proportions expected. Consequently, the organization that had been set up at the Hospital was not used to the limit of its capacity. Nevertheless practically every British war guest child passing through Toronto received a complete examination with recommendations as to treatment. No charge was made for this service.

This is just another of the occasions during its unusual career of public service when the Hospital has been fully prepared to meet an emergency.

PARALYSIS STRIKES AGAIN

It is only a few weeks ago that newspaper headlines startled the people of Ontario with the announcement that six members of a single family had been stricken with Infantile Paralysis — the dreaded Poliomyelitis. One member of the family had to be taken to Toronto in an Iron Lung—his only chance for life. Despite the fact that a large moving van was the only vehicle obtainable which was suitable for moving the equipment with the youngster already receiving treatment within it, arrangements were quickly made to bring the patient to The Hospital for Sick Children.

But this is just typical of the service The Hospital for Sick Children has rendered the children of this Province for 65 years.

Every hour of every day and night some emergency must be met. The life of a child, precious to some family, is at stake. It is only when a number of similar cases occur at the same time that the work becomes "news," and can be called to the attention of the public by the press in a spectacular manner. Nevertheless, the work goes on hour after hour until the days and months and years total decades of service to the needy children of the Province.

Every emergency situation creates costs which mount up far beyond the normal provisions of government and municipal grants. But, unlike most other hospitals, The Hospital for Sick Children has no large group of Private Ward beds from which to draw extra revenue which can be applied to Public Ward service.

At present, 414 of the 434 beds are in Public Wards.

No help is received from the fund collected by the Toronto Federation for Community Service, as patients are taken from all over the Province.

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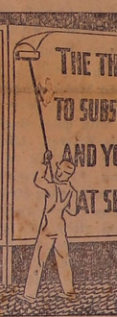

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7.30 p.m. — Evening Worship — "The Girded Life."

Rawdon Circuit

(Rev. Jas. E. Beckel, Minister)

Sunday, December 29th, 1940

11.00 a.m. — Mt. Pleasant Communion Service.

Official Board meeting in Mount Pleasant Church on Tuesday, Dec. 31st, at 2 p.m.

St. Paul's United Church

Rev. A. Marshall Laverty, B.A., B.D.

Sunday, December 29th, 1940

10.00 a.m. — Sunday School
11.00 a.m. — Morning Worship
2.30 p.m. (S.T.) — Carmel.
7.30 p.m. — Evening Worship

BETHEL

Church was held on Sunday evening and the choir rendered two anthems, with Mrs. Ray Shortt at the organ and Mrs. Will Heath at the piano. Christmas hymns were sung.

A good crowd was in attendance at the school on Thursday evening when the teacher and pupils put on their annual concert. Mr. Stewart Brady was chairman and the children put on an excellent entertainment. Much credit is due to Mrs. Lovett and the music teacher, Mr. Morgan. Santa arrived and distributed the gifts, after which lunch was served and a vote of thanks tendered to the teacher and pupils for the fine entertainment.

On Friday evening Bethel Sunday School held their annual Christmas concert. Mr. Beckel was chairman and the program opened with a chorus "Christmas Bells," by the school. Rev. Mr. Beckel offered prayer. Ruth Welbourn gave a welcome recitation. An acrostic by the beginners, Bernice Preston, Ruth Welbourne, Bertha Kirkes, Keith Williams, Doris Cooney was well sung by Beulah, Keith and Vivian Cooney. A duet by Ruth and Vivian Welbourne. Mrs. S. J. Elliott's class of boys gave another acrostic, "Giving Gifts." Bertha Kirkey gave a monologue. Mrs. Jas. Warren's class, consisting of Vivian Welbourne, Shirley Preston, Ruth Wellman and Dorothy Cooney gave a pantomime, with Mrs. Walter Warren singing the solo "Silent Night." Dialogue entitled "The Smith family," by six of the senior members of the school. Mr. Don Thompson played the guitar and sang. Another dialogue, "The Minister's Daughter," was then given by the Intermediate girls' class. Another chorus was then given by the school, entitled "Deck the Hall." Instrumental number by Mrs. R. Shortt and Mrs. Will Heath, organ and piano. Mr. Don Thompson sang another number and a tableaux was given by the Bible Class, showing "There'll always be an England", and later "The Birth of Jesus." Vivian and Ruth Welbourne, Shirley and Bernice Preston sang behind the curtain "There'll always be an England" and "We'll always need a Saviour." The program closed with the National Anthem and Santa arrived and with his helpers distributed the gifts. The Sunday School realized around eighteen dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Broadworth and family were Monday evening guests of Mrs. Warren Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Higgs called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin on Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Preston and family spent Christmas Day with Mrs. Jack Preston and family.

Bethel correspondent wishes the Editor and staff of the News-Argus also its many readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

MOUNT PLEASANT

A Happy New Year to the Editor and readers of the News-Argus.

Mount Pleasant United Church held their Christmas service on Sunday morning and the pastor, Rev. J. E. Beckel, brought a message on the theme "Keeping Christ in Christmas." The choir rendered a special number and the pianist, Mrs. Kenneth Weaver, contributed Christmas music.

Mission Band

Mount Pleasant Sunbeam Mission Band held their December meeting at the hall on Friday. The service opened with quiet music played by Miss Lois Weaver. Miss Gladys Summers gave the "Call to Worship" and all sang "The Herald Angels". Miss Joyce Johnson offered prayer and Miss Esma Cole gave the Christmas Worship story. Following the business period Miss L. Weaver contributed a piano solo. Mrs. Cyrus Summers outlined the study story on the theme "Honouring Christmas." While Master Robert Hoard gathered the offering which amounted to twenty-five cents, all sang "Hear the pennies dropping." Another Christmas hymn was sung and the election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Miss Evelyn Melville; Vice-Pres., Miss Ruth Rose; Secretary, Miss Joyce Johnson; Treasurer, Miss Eileen MacMullen; pianist and assistant, Miss Lois Weaver and Master John Reid; Get-Ready Committee, Masters Eric Summers and Carleton Phillips; Visiting and Sick Committee, Miss Marion Johnston, Master Jack Rose and Master Robert Hoard; World Friends Secretary, Miss Eileen MacMullen. The band has had a very successful year and are grateful to all who have hepled in any way to further the missionary spirit.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

To all my Friends and Customers I extend Best Wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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J. S. MORTON

— REXALL DRUG STORE —

Mrs. Sarah McKeown has returned home from a holiday in Peterborough. On December 6th she celebrated her 87th birthday at the home of her daughter. On Christmas Day she plans to attend the wedding of her grandson, Mr. Melville McKeown. Her many Rawdon friends wish her many happy birthdays.

Union School Concert

On Thursday evening, December 19th, the pupils of the Allan School and the Williams School held their annual school concert in Mount Pleasant Church Hall, with a large number in attendance, the proceeds being $27.60. The teachers, Miss Esma Cole and Miss Betty Hoard, decorated the hall and a beautiful Chirstmas tree sparkled and gleamed and added charm to the occasion. Mrs. Kenneth Weaver presided at the piano throughout the evening, and Rev. J. E. Beckel was master of ceremonies, while Mr. Ken Weaver manipulated the curtain. The opening chorus by the pupils of both schools was a double number, "I am a Canadian," and "Birthday of a King." Master Neil Hubble, with his mother as accompanist, sang "Santa Claus is coming to town," and responded to an encore. All the pupils of the Allan School staged a dialogue entitled "The Toymaker's Dream," and this included a drill, singing and a novelty number, when the various toys were on parade. The pupils of the Williams School then staged a three-act play "Christmas with the Mulligans," assisted by Miss Gladys Summers as Mother Mulligan. During this presentation the Mulligan family staged a Christmas concert of their own and several local hits were enpoyed. Miss Mabel Seeney gave a recitation. The senior girls gave a song by candlelight, entitled "Candles of Christmas." A beautiful pageant interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols and the presentation of the Christmas story made a fitting climax to the program. Thanks was extended to all who had in any way helped to make the evening a success and the closing chorus was "The Santa Claus Express." Santa, dear to the hearts of the children, then arrived and distributed bags of candy and nuts to all the children, besides a large assortment of gifts from the tree.

Fourth Line Cheese Meeting

The Sterling Cheese and Butter Co., with their factory situated on the fourth concession of Rawdon, has had a very successful year and their plant is now in first class condition for the cheese industry. They had their annual meeting on Friday afternoon at the factory and Mr. J. B. Thompson was re-elected as president with Mr. Thomas Searles as cheesemaker. During 1940 there were 1092842 pounds of milk received and 176740 pounds of cheese manufactured. The average selling price of the cheese was 13.46 and the value of the milk per standard was 30.10. During the year a new refrigeration plant was installed.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thrasher spent Christmas Sunday with Mrs. Edith Sharp at Wellmans.

Central Cheese Manufacturing Co., situated on the Iroquois Trail between Stirling and Hoards, completed another successful year and had their annual meeting on Monday. Mr. Geo. Weaver was re-elected president, with the same board of directors and Mr. Morris Rose as Cheesemaker. During 1940 there were 2780634 pounds of milk received and 227900 pounds of cheese manufactured. The average selling price of the cheese was 13.47 and the value of milk per standard was 30.31 to shareholders and 28.56 to patrons, which is an average of 29.43½. During the season the bonus money will amount to around 4000 dollars.

MADOC JUNCTION

The annual Christmas Concert was held at the church here on Friday night. Mr. Kenneth Stewart acted as chairman for the evening. The following program was presented: songs, "Good King Wenceslas" and "Away in a Manger". Group recitations by Carl Reid, Harold Reid, Helen Stapley, Betty Gallivan, Vera Stapley, Marion Gallivan, Carl Reid, Vernon Clarke and Ross Woodward. Dialogue "The Talking Dolls", with Helen and Joan Stapley and Betty Gallivan. Acrostic, "Santa Claus." Dialogue, "A Christmas Crazy Class. Duet, Grant Stapley and Lois McGee, "The Old Dutch Garden", and "Hand me down my walking cane." Song, Helen Stapley and Rosella Fitchett; choral readings by the school. Group recitations, Vincent Gallivan, Ross Bridges, Vernon Clarke, Gladys Clarke, Gerald Woodward, Rosella Fitchett; song Helen and Joan Stapley; dialogue, "The Wrong Present." The last number, "Christmas Bells" was followed by the National Anthem. Santa arrived on the scene and the well-loaded tree, which was gaily decorated for the occasion, was relieved of the gifts for the children, along with candies for each child.

Mr. Kenneth Stewart conducted the Christmas service here on Sunday evening, and the largest crowd of the season was in attendance. Special music by the choir and the singing of Christmas carols added to the beauty of the service.

Miss Helen McMullen, of Dartford, is spending her vacation at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fitchett and Rosella spent the dinner hour on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Waterfall.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Harlow entertained on Sunday Misses Helen McMullen and Mary Chambers and Master Robert Chambers.

Several from here attended the party last week in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Stapley (nee Viola Sine) who were recently married.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Cook, Corbyville, were Friday evening visitors with relatives here.

HAROLD

Miss Cora Bailey, of Harmony, is holidaying at her home here.

Mrs. Lucinda Heath celebrated her 90th birthday on Sunday, Dec. 22nd, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Flossie Laycock. Guests for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Heath.

Mr. Ross Bailey and Miss Evelyn Bailey were supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Bateman on Thursday evening.

Mr. Roy Brown has been engaged for next year as the cheesemaker at Harold factory.

Preparations are well under way for the erection of the new cheese factory.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Heath are in Toronto this week spending Christmas vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Adams.

ALLAN SCHOOL REPORT
S.S. No. 3 — RAWDON

Grade 8 — Carleton Phillips, 74; Bert Sharpe, 65.

Grade 7 — Lois Weaver, 79; Ruth Rose, 74; John Reid, 73.

Grade 6 — Billie Scott, 80; Robert Hoard, 64.

Grade 5 — Roy Bonisteel, 78.

Grade 4 — Gordon Reid, 82; Shirley Scott, 81; Jack Rose, 79.

Grade 3 — Francis Wrightman, 67.

Grade 1. — Burton Wrightman.

Esma Cole, Teacher

BONARLAW

A splendid school concert was held in the school house here on Wednesday of last week. There was a good attendance. Rev. Canon W. G. Swayne acted as chairman. The program consisted of recitations, drills, dialogues, pageants, choruses, solos, part songs, etc., and was under the supervision of Miss Marion Richardson, teacher. Mr. Morgan, teacher of music in the school gave a short but interesting talk on music, explaining that quality of tone and proper harmony is aimed at now more than mere volume. A good feature of the program was the singing of patriotic airs by the pupils, with the audience joining in. At the close of the concert Santa appeared and distributed presents to all the children. Miss Richardson was presented with a beautiful bed-room lamp by the pupils.

CARMEL

On Thursday evening friends and neighbours gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Pyear to spend a social time with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pyear, newlyweds. Rev. A. M. Laverty, acting as chairman, called the gathering to order and opened the evening with community singing. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown sang a duet and Mr. Chas. Smith rendered a solo. Harold Johnson read an address and Mac Holden presented an electric floor lamp and end table on behalf of the community. Douglas Pyear presented a silver dish for the charivari gang. Mr. and Mrs. Pyear made suitable repiles. Lunch was served by the ladies. Following is the address:

Dear Gerald and Ruby:

Your relatives, friends and neighbours are gathered under this hospitable roof to wish you well in the life you are undertaking together, and to express the earnest hope that you may know God's blessing and all true success and joy. We ask you to accept these gifts as a token of the affection and esteem in which we hold you.

With every good wish we are your friends of Carmel — (Signed) — Harold Johnson, Mac Holden, Archie Bailey.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. A. was held at the home of Mr. Jos. Grills. The President, Mrs. Lewis Bird, conducted the devotional and business period. Rev. A. M. Laverty took the chair and conducted the election of officers: Pres., Mrs. Ashley Brooks; 1st vice-pres. — Mrs. Retta Wilson; 2nd vice. Pres., Mrs. S. Holden; 3rd vice-Pres., Mrs. H. Brown; Secretary, Mrs. Henry Farrell; Treas., Mrs. Arthur Pyear; pianist, Mrs. Arthur Brown; Parsonage committee, Mrs. Frank Bailey and Mrs. Ed. Pyear. A vote of thanks was tendered the officers, especially the retiring president, for the successful year the W.A. had enjoyed. Lunch was served by the ladies. A bazaar was held when useful articles, popcorn and candy were sold.

The annual Sunday School Christmas concert was held on Friday evening. Rev. A. M. Laverty was chairman. At the conclusion of the program Santa Claus appeared and distributed gifts and candies to the children.

Superior Store

Father Time has given warning that another year is soon to end, so may we take this opportunity of expressing our sincere appreciation for the Friendship and Co-operation of all our loyal customers. . . . . It is therefore with the deepest goodwill that we wish you all a New Year richly fulfilling all your desires

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SLED DARTS UNDER TRUCK — 11-YEAR-OLD FATALLY INJURED

Sustaining fatal injuries while sleigh-riding near his home at Hermon, three miles east of this village, Richard Thomas Bruce, eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Bruce, died in Belleville Hospital on Monday night.

A brother, James, 9, was also seriously injured, while an unidentified companion of the boys escaped injury.

The trio were riding on a sleigh near the Bruce home on Monday afternoon and failed to see a large truck driven by Milton Aide, Hartsmere, coming along the highway. The sled carrying the three boys sped down a hill across the road and darted beneath of the body of the truck. Aide saw the sled and stopped his truck but was forced to sit helpless and watch the sleigh carry the trio beneath the vehicle.

Richard Bruce struck the rear dual wheels of the truck with his head, causing a skull fracture. The injured youths were rushed to Bancroft Hospital where they were treated by Dr. S. S. Lumb, and later Richard Bruce was rushed to Belleville Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

No inquest will be held, a coroner decided. Provincial Police Officer S. Palamteer investigated.

The dead youth leaves to mourn his passing his parents; one sister, Thelma, 14; four brothers, John, 13; James 9; Floyd, 5; and Wayne, 3. The body was forwarded to Hermon.

CAR-TRUCK CRASH NEAR SUDBURY KILLS QUEENSBORO MAN

Earl Rollins, 24-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rollins, Queensboro, was killed instantly on Friday when the car in which he was riding crashed into a wood-laden truck three miles east of Sudbury. The dead youth was driving to his home in Hastings County for the holiday. Other passengers in the car were uninjured.

LARGEST CHEESE SALES

The claim is made for the Kemptville cheese board that it had this year the largest volume of sales of any one board in North America. The total for the season was 97,073 boxes of cheese. W. E. Latimer, of the township of Oxford, a former warden of the united counties, is retiring president of the board. Of the total, 83,848 boxes of white cheese sold for an average price of 13,425 cents, and 14,225 boxes of coloured at an average price of 13.512 cents.

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Nominations

Notice is hereby given that a Nomination Meeting of the electors of the

Municipality of Stirling

will be held in the Stirling Theatre

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

at 7.00 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of nominating a Reeve, four Councillors, one Hydro Commissioner (retiring Commissioner Roy Eggleton) and three School Trustees, to serve on the Board of Education for two years. The retiring members of the latter are Dr. E. A. Carleton and Messrs. R. B. Duffin and Ewart Bailey.

All nominations must be in writing and blank forms will be provided at the said meeting for that purpose.

If more than the necessary number of municipal officers and school trustees are nominated and a poll is demanded, a poll will be opened on Monday, January 6th, 1941, for the taking of votes by ballot, commencing at 9.00 o'clock a.m., and continuing until 5 o'clock p.m. Place of voting, Sub-Divisions 1 and 2 — Community Service Building.

18-2 G. H. Luery, Clerk

Nominations

Notice is hereby given that a Nomination Meeting of the Electors of the Municipality of

Rawdon Township

will be held in the Township Hall at Harold, on

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1940

At the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of receiving nominations for the offices of Reeve, Deputy-Reeve and three Councillors for the said Municipality and continue open until one o'clock of the said day.

All Nominations must be in writing and blank forms will be provided at the meeting for that purpose

In case an Election is necessary, Polls will be opened on Monday, January 6th, 1941, and continue open from 9 o'clock a.m. until 5 o'clock p.m.

List of Polls, Deputy-Returning Officers and Poll Clerks:

Sub-Division No. 1 — Ridge Road School House — Wm. Drewry, D.R.O.; Harold McGee, Poll Clerk.

Sub-Division No. 2 — Hubble Hill Hall — Gordon Linn, D.R.O.; Leonard Sharp, Poll Clerk.

Sub-Division No. 4 — Ken Belcour's House — Frank McGee, D.R.O.; Ernest Broadworth, Poll Clerk.

Sub-Division No. 5 — Orange Hall, Springbrook — Roy Barton, D.R.O.; Clayton Burkitt, Poll Clerk.

Sub-Division No. 6 — Bell's Hotel — Chas. Nobes, D.R.O.; Nathan Brownson, Poll Clerk.

Dated this 17h Day of December, 1940.

W. J. Barlow, Clerk

LONDON HOSPITALS CARRY ON DESPITE RAIDS

The bombing of hospitals in Great Britain by the German Air Force is not having the effect which the Nazis would hope. It is not causing terror or confusion. It is putting the London surgeons, doctors, nurses and hospital staffs generally more than ever on their mettle.

A visit to a London Hospital which has been bombed, to see the hospital staff at work, to hear the stories of quiet bravery amid raids is something never to be forgotten. This is the story of just one hospital.

On the seventh floor, where the bomb fell, the chapel has been destroyed. The beautiful windows are gone, the roof has fallen, the altar is scattered, and the organ shattered.

"But someone has lent us a grand piano," Sister Prior, the assistant Matron, told me. "It is surprising what we managed to save. It is wonderful what you can do."

I thought the same as I looked around. It is wonderful what they can do. I noticed that even the splintered wood of the chairs had been repaired with little pieces of sticking plaster. "We don't want people running splinters into their hands and legs," explained Sister Prior with a quiet smile; "There's quite enough trouble as it is."

The Raid Routine

"Only the first three of seven floors are used as wards, so there is plenty of security, with four reinforced concrete floors above. There are special wards for air raid casualties, and those who have been rendered homeless. We had a number of old married couples, but we couldn't fix them together so they had to be separated until they moved off to the country where they go after a few days rest in the hospital."

In the casualty station on the ground floor everything is ready for emergencies. Nurses and doctors are always on duty; volunteer stretcher bearers are ready to take the patients from the ambulances as they come in.

In the operating theatre lives are saved by the most skilled surgeons in the world.

Saving a Life

Here is one story — grim, yet inspiring. Outside, the night planes droned overhead. There was crump of dropping bombs. The first casualty to be brought in was a four months old baby. He had been blown from his mother's arms as she hurried to a shelter. She, herself, was uninjured.

"I was down there at the time," said Sister Prior. "The little mite was badly burned — and so silent. That's always a bad sign."

Quietly the doctors got to work. They fought to fan a tiny spark of life. The battle went on. The child whimpered. Within fifteen minutes he was crying. A cry of pain, but to that group of white-coated workers the cry meant that another life was saved.

Static By The Editor

About Turn

"The other way down, please," called out the lady tram conductor, as the very portly charwoman was descending the driver's end.

"You're mighty fussy now there's a war on," snapped the erring one. And she turned around and started down backwards!

Threat

"I'm sorry," said the diner, who hoped to get away with it, "but I haven't any money to pay for that meal."

"That's all right," said the cashier. "We'll write your name on the wall, and you can pay next time you come in."

"Don't do that. Everybody who comes in will see it."

"Oh, no, they won't. Your topcoat will be hanging over it!"

Why?

A four-year-old boy, on being asked by a lady what his name was, replied: "Bunny."

"Have you no other name?" asked the lady.

"No," came the answer.

"What is your father's name?"

"Daddy," answed the child.

"Has he no other name?" asked the lady.

"No," said the boy.

"Then what does your mother call him?" the lady said at last.

"Fathead," piped the youngster triumphantly.

MINISTER OF DEFENCE TRIES OUT NEW WEAPON

NOMINATIONS MONDAY

Citizens are reminded in the midst of the holiday season that municipal Nominations for Reeve, Councillors, Members of the Board of Education and Hydro Commissioner will be received at the Community Hall between 7 and 8 p.m. on Monday next.

PRESIDENT OF PETERBORO KINSMEN CLUB

Lorne Bateman, formerly of Springbrook, was elected president of the Peterboro Kinsmen Club at a meeting held on Thursday evening last. His many friends in this district join in extending congratulations.

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE GIVEN PRESENTATION

On Tuesday evening about seventy-five friends and neighbours gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Stapley and presented them with an address and an occasional chair. During the evening the following program was presented:

Chairman's address, Mr. Phillip Carr; community singing; selection by Mr. Bob. Stapley; reading, Mrs. McInroy; selection, Matt. Hedley; duet, Marion and Phyllis Hammond; selection, Bob Stapley; speeches by Oliver Stapley, Mrs. Lewis Rodgers and Mr. Nathan Clarke; address read by Don Rodgers.

Dear Clayton and Viola,—

It is with much pleasure that we, your neighbours and friends, have gathered here this evening. Clayton, we congratulate you on your recent marriage, and are pleased that you are remaining here with us. We specially welcome Viola to our midst and feel that she will be an asset to our community.

We are glad that your cheery presence
Still amongst us we'll enjoy,
Though the labours, new and varied,
Your time and effort will employ.
Through the years that are before us,
With their sorrow and their joy,
We'll look back with pleasant memories,
To days when we were girls and boys.
You will meet new opportunities
That will demand of you your best,
You will face responsibilities
That will put you to the test.
So dear friends, we here have gathered
And this gift we bring.
Please accept our loving token
In the spirit it's been brought.
May it fill your days with comfort,
As it brightens up your thoughts.
So now we say in closing
That we wish for you the best.
May Clayton be a husband
That is always rated high.
Viola, ever be his sweetheart,
And the apple of his eye.

Signed on behalf of your friends and neighbours — Donald Rodgers, Roy Bateman, Harold Juby, Charles Stapley.

IVANHOE W.M.S.

Mrs. Sam Twiddy entertained the members of the Ivanhoe W.M.S. to an afternoon meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 17. Fifteen members were present. The President, Mrs. Frank Palmer opened the meeting with hymn 51. Mrs. Lovibond offered prayer. The key word for the day was "Christ". Mrs. A. Wood gave the treasurer's report. Mrs. Sam Twiddy gave a report on the work of the Associate Helpers and Mrs. Clifford Mitz reported from the Baby Band. Mrs. Donald Fleming, group leader No. 4 then took charge of the meeting. Hymn 55 was sung, which was followed by a Christmas meditation. The scripture reading was taken by Mrs. Stan Prest. A reading entitled "A Happy Chirstmas" was read by Mrs. Sam Twiddy. Marjorie Prest favoured with a solo, "Dear Little Stranger." Readings entitled "The Christ of Yesterday and Tomorrow", were read by Mrs. Geo. Wood, Mrs. Lovibond and Mrs. Arthur Hagerman.

Mrs. A. Wood was then called upon to read an address on behalf of the members to Mrs. Charles Mitz. Mrs. Mitz, who has been a faithful member of the W.M.S. has also been secretary for 47 years. She was presented with a beautiful autographed quilt done in the form of a book. The presentation of the quilt was made by Mrs. Lovibond. Mrs. Mitz although taken completely by surprise, thanked the members in a few well chosen words and everyone joined in singing "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow." The meeting was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem. The hostess and assistants then served a 10c tea. The proceeds of the afternoon were, collection 55c, tea $1.00.

PASSED K.A.S. EXAMS

In the Fall Term examinations at the Kemptville Agricultural School, Laurison Ketcheson, of Halloway, was eighth in the list of successful candidates in the Junior Year, having an average of 80.7. His many friends in this district extend congratulations.

WANNAMAKER — McMULLEN

A quiet wedding was solemnized by Rev. Gordon Maxwell, at St. John's United Church parsonage, Campbellford, on Monday, Dec. 23rd, when Nora Annetta McMullen, of Rawdon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George McMullen, became the bride of Wm. Leonard Wannamaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Wannamaker, also of Rawdon. The couple were attended by the groom's sister, Hilda Wannamaker, and Ray Rose.

LATE ARTHUR BEARDMORE

There passed away at Christie Street Hospital, Toronto, on Sunday, Arthur Beardmore, father of our townsman, A. Beardmore, Tice Street. The deceased was seventy-four years of age. Born in Staffordshire, England, he spent his early years there, being a pottery designer, had served as a Sergeant-Major with the Imperials in the South African War, and was also with the 139th Battalion and served in England and France through the Great War.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Roderick McLean, of Brussels, Ont., and one son, in Campbellford. His wife predeceased him by about ten years.

The remains were brought here and the funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon. Service was conducted at the Bennett Co.'s undertaking parlours by Rev. T. S. Gault, rector of Christ Church. Full military honours were accorded the deceased, with the members of "B" Company, Midland Regiment, and Great War veterans in attendance. Interment was in Mount Pleasant cemetery. — Campbellford Herald.

KILLED AT BELLEVILLE

A passenger in a westbound car on Highway 2, near Belleville, on Wednesday night, James Birtwhistle was fatally injured when the car hit a tree. Traffic Officer C. Shiple said the car, driven by Roy Ashmore, 18, of Belleville, had travelled 140 feet on the shoulder of the road before striking a large tree and a telephone pole. Ashmore escaped injury.

"THEY SAY"

"They say" — ah! well, suppose they do;
But can they prove the story true?
Suspicion may arise for naught
But malice, envy, want of thought.
Why count yourself among the "they"
Who whisper what they dare not say?

"They say!" But why the tale rehearse,
And help to make the matter worse?
No good can possibly accrue
From telling what may be untrue;
And is it not a noble plan
To speak of all the best you can?

"They say." Well, if it should be so,
Why need you tell t elateh SETAO
Why need you tell the tale of woe?
Will it the bitter wrong redress,
Or make one pang of sorrow less?
Will it the erring one restore,
Henceforth to "Go, and sin no more?"

"They say." — O! pause and look within;
See how your heart inclines to sin.
Watch lest in dark temptation's hour
You, too, should sink beneath its power,
Pity the frail, weep o'er their fall,
But speak of good, or not at all.

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By LESLIE HAMILTON

Synopsis of preceding installment

Rex Munroe, a Canadian of British parentage, but also of many years' residence in the United States, finding himself marking time in London, Eng., three weeks before the "second chapter of the Great War began to unfold:

Accepts an invitation from his friend Colonel Sir Charles Lorne, of the British Secret Service, to attend at the Colonel's office in Whitehall and discuss a matter of grave importance.

Munroe has an inkling that the request, in view of the disturbed International situation, and his own previous service with Sir Charles in the British Army, points to some dangerous mission which he is going to be asked to carry out as an intelligence agent.

Now go on with the story

CHAPTER TWO

It was shortly after seven o'clock that evening when Munroe, leaving his flat to keep his appointment with Sir Charles Lorne, drove leisurely along Brompton Road towards Queen Street.

Turning right at the intersection, he carried straight on, beyond Sloane Street and thence across Belgrave Square to Hyde Park corner. Carefully filtering his way over that major traffic junction he bore right, then left under the impressive monumental arch which guards the entrance at this point, into the grounds of St. James.

Once inside the park the car, with its motor softly purring, rolled gently down Constitution Hill, half circled the beautiful Victoria Memorial, then nosed left into the Birdcage Walk which terminates in Great George Street and Westminster.

Turning left again and driving slowly north up Whitehall. Rex pulled into the curb a few minutes later and parked his car in front of a grim, sombre mediaeval structure, one of several in this famous thoroughfare, now used by the British Government as offices for its many and varied departments.

Although the nerve centre of M.I. 5, (Military Intelligence, Dept. Five), the special activities carried on in the particular building entered by Munroe would never be suspected by the general public, where, once inside its frowning portals open day and night, one is promptly accosted by a neat uniformed guard on duty, who politely but firmly enquires the nature of one's business.

Giving his card to the man who came forward to meet him, Rex briefly stated his appointment.

"That is quite correct, sir, and right on the dot!" the messenger smiled, in reply, as the deep voice of Big Ben reverberated through the still evening. "Colonel Lorne left instructions for you to go straight up to his room, sir," the man continued. "You know your way, sir, I understand?"

"Oh yes, I've been here quite often before, so I can toddle along by myself, thanks very much."

"Very good, sir!" the messenger concluded, as Munroe moved towards a drab corridor leading to the central rotunda of the building, and from where a wide stone stairway ascended to the upper regions. Climbing these, Rex turned along the first floor hallway and, stopping before a plain, familiar door sans descriptive markings of any sort whatever, tapped firmly upon the panel.

"Come in!" a pleasant voice invited.

Entering as he was bidden, a hearty "Good evening, Rex; punctual as usual!" greeted him from the figure of Colonel Lorne, seated at a massive old-fashioned desk.

"My one redeeming virtue," Munroe laughingly responded, coming forward into the room and shaking hands with his friend who had risen to welcome him.

"But you always practice it and that is most unusual, especially in London where it's the fashion to be late. However, make yourself comfortable in that chair," Sir Charles invited, pointing to a deep leather armchair standing beside the desk.

"Merci beaucoup!" Rex chuckled, as with a predatory glint in his eye he reached towards a box of choice cigars and murmuring as he helped himself: "S'il vou, mon ami?"

"If y-o-u please, you mean, don't you?" Lorne laughingly responded as he reseated himself. 'But it's buite all right, old boy, they're only on view because I know your weakness."

"The bait, eh?" Rex shot back, clipping the tip of a Laranga perfecto and carefully lighting the butt end until it burned evenly.

"I don't think any bait is required to induce you to nibble at the proposition I'm going to outline," remarked the Colonel.

"In that case, it must be romantic, adventurous and also profitable," Munroe grinned in reply.

"The last one; perhaps. The second one: undoubtedly! But the first, well ... as you are a confirmed bachelor, that should be the least of your worries!"

"Listen to the voice of wisdom," came Munroe's snappy retort. "Still, as I'm badly bent financially I'll probably be interested. Especially if the dividends provide three square meals a day and a roof over my erstwhile head. Incidentally, is it something in your line?"

"Yes and No!" Sir Charles replied. "But I'll give you all the information I can, and then you will be able to judge for yourself."

"Carry on! I'm all ears and attention."

"You will treat anything pertaining to this matter in strict confidence," his friend began, with an enquiring glance at Rex. "That's understood, of course."

"I understand," Munroe assured him, returning the look with one of speculative interest and thinking, as he had often thought on previous occasions, how well the phrase "the right man in the right place," described Sir Charles.

With his cigar drawing evenly and reclining at ease in the comfortable leather chair, Rex was frankly curious, as well as eager to hear what had prompted Lorne to get in touch with him so urgently.

"This morning," Colonel Lorne continued, "a request for a reliable man to go on a mission to Vienna was received by me from a certain party on the Continent. It's a bit irregular, as the mission referred to is not an official one, although, owing to the practical certainty of war, we are indirectly interested. Because of its private nature, however, and other factors involved, we cannot use a government agent. It is a mission, nevertheless," he added, "demanding someone who can be trusted implicitly, and it is also desirable that such a person be English. I therefore thought of you immediately, because in my opinion you're the ideal chap for the job. You are British through and through, you possess the qualities essential for success, and you can pass for an American if necessary, something which might prove invaluable; and I know I can trust you."

"Thanks for your confidence, Charlie," Munroe responded, and then drily commented: "So my Uncle Sammy accent becomes an asset for a change, does it?" referring to what in ordinary business dealings in England, he had often found a serious handicap.

"Just so! Although it will only be of help to you within Germany itself. Your British passport, of course, precludes your posing as an American when crossing any of the frontiers, or should you encounter official enquiry regarding your presence in the country at all."

"Why not fix me up with a Yankee 'open sesame'?" Rex ventured. "I've heard there are plenty to be picked up around Antwerp, for a price, if you know where to go."

"Between ourselves, one could be obtained from certain shady sources," the Colonel admitted. "In this case, however, I think you would fare better if you fell in the cart to be travelling on legitimate credentials. Even then, things would be sticky enough should you still be on the wrong side of the frontier after war is declared.

"You're telling me!" Munroe retorted with a wry grimace. "It would be interment in one of their nice little concentration camps for the duration — if they caught me!"

"Undoubtedly, I'm afraid," Sir Charles agreed. "Nevertheless, your best plan would be to go openly as a visitor on holiday," he continued, "because the greener you appear to be the better; and that's where your ignorance of German is really an advantage in this instance, although, at first glance it might appear otherwise."

"I was wondering about that angle and whether my inability to 'Ja Ja in Deutsch' would prove to be a serious obstacle," Rex put in, "but if I'm to play a dumb tourist on the loose, my shortcomings in that respect won't matter very much."

"That will be the least of your troubles. However, should you decide to go you will be able to leave direct from Brussels for Vienna. It's only an over-night and a day run from there by the Ostend Express."

"Why Brussels? Why not leave direct from London?"

"Because the Continental party I previously referred to is in Brussels, and that's where you will be approved and given full details, as well as arrange for your expenses and reward — if successful."

"Can't you give me the whole story now?"

"I could, but I'm not at liberty to do so, as the Brussels party wishes to size up the person I recommend before concluding final arrangements."

"Does that mean I must run over to Belgium before I'll know what it's all about?"

"Yes; he prefers to discuss the proposition at first hand with the individual concerned, over there."

"Suppose there is nothing doing; am I out my fare to Brussels and back?" Rex inquired.

"No, not at all," his friend assured him. "I will refund your out-of-pocket expenses if you turn it down; or if, on the other hand, he does not approve of you. But I feel quite sure my selection will suit him all right, and that you will likewise agree to attempt it."

"Thanks again," Rex acknowledged, "and just one thing more. Do you feel certain I can handle this stunt; having due regard to all issues involved?"

"Yes I do!" Sir Charles replied without hesitation. "It might prove a bit more dangerous than some of the little adventures you've had in the past, but that's all."

"One other question. Has this party in Brussels any official status? In view of his request being made to you — it looks like it — to me."

"I would rather you let him explain the circumstances, for certain reasons which have a bearing on the situation at present."

"How soon do you want me to leave for Brusels," Rex surrendered, "and to whom do I report, etc?"

"At once!" the Colonel requested. "Upon arrival I want you to get in touch with Count Felix von Armberg immediately. His address is 49 Rue St. Anne, about ten minutes by cab from la Gare du Nord. It's near la Porte du Namur and as you know Brussels fairly well, that will give you some idea of the location."

"I think I know just about where it is: out in the Avenue Louise section, not far from our Embassy."

"That's right."

"Does the Count speak English?" was Munroe's next question.

"Oh yes, just as good as we do; so you will be able to converse with him quite fluently."

"Well, I guess that's all I need to know at present, and as you wish me to be on my way as soon as possible, I think I'll run along. I can attend to a few personal matters tonight and also pack, which will leave me time to pop into Belgrave's Square for a German visa in the morning, something I'd better fix up before I leave London."

"By all means," Lorne agreed with him. "You might have some difficulty getting one in Brussels if you leave it till afterwards. If you don't use it, I'll put it down to out-of-pocket expenses," he laughed, with a knowing chuckle under his breath. "But if you have it," he went on, "you will be forearmed should you wish to leave for Vienna without delay. And the best of luck, old scout," he added, to which Rex good-humoredly responded: "I'll probably need it. Thanks 'amigo mio."

"Might as well start packing now and, er, take along a few of those cigars," his friend invited, rising and smiling broadly as Munroe stood up to take his leave.

"Muchas gracias! ' don't mind if I do" Rex grinned in response, filching a generous handful and stuffing them into his waistcoat pockets.

"See me immediately you return!" Sir Charles called after him as Rex walked towards the door.

"You mean," Munro amended quietly, with a suggestive lift of his eyebrows, "if as and when I return!" closing the door gently, and departing upon what later events proved to be a strange and intriguing mission.

To Be Continued

A woman came before a pension committee to state that she was seeking her "eternity" benefit.

"Your what, madam?"

"My 'eternity' benefit," she reaffirmed.

"My dear woman, 'eternity' means your 'hereafter'."

"Yes, sir; that's what I'm here after."

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This year, with increased numbers of Canadians and Americans pointing their ski tips toward Quebec and Lac Beauport, the highlights of the Chateau Frontenac's gay winter sports season promise to shine more brightly than ever. Headquarters for the famous Ski Hawk School and its equally famous instructor, Fritz Loosli, the popular Canadian Pacific hostelry will feature a gay programme of skating, hockey, curling, tobogganing, ski-joring, sleigh-driving, and ski-ing on the historic Plains of Abraham. The annual Dog Derby is scheduled for the third week in February.

Connected by regular bus service from the Chateau Frontenac, Lac Beauport is a model ski development. It possesses a handsome new chalet, thrilling downhill runs, slalom courses and jumps of professional calibre. Mont Saint Castin, with twin slalom runs 2,200 feet long, 100 to 300 feet wide, and served by a ski-tow, is a rendez-vous for beginners and experts alike, while its neighboring Mont Tourbillon is reserved for the more seasoned ski artist. Here is located a professional ski jump, a downhill run of 4,000 feet and a 1,000-foot slalom run. Lac Beauport is also home of the scenic Sky Line Trail.

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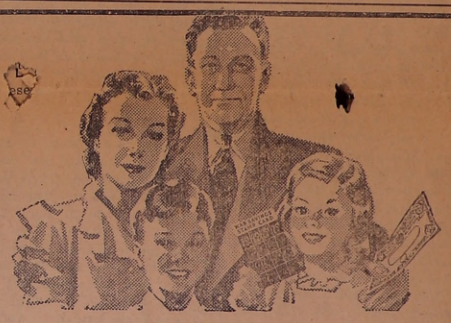

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THE WEEKLY NEWS

BY MURDIE McDONALD

" 'Merry Christmas' indeed!" said the cynic, of Christmas 1940.

He had in mind a world flouting the principle of Christianity, a blood-smeared race exploding metal among innocent women and children, an established regime of lawlessness and disorder, the recent successes of men who sneer at the softies who pray for "Peace on Earth and Goodwill to all men."

Laugh that cynic out of ear-shot!

Can a puffing, self-satisfied Hitler, king for a day, even peek around the edge of a picture of the King of Kings who has ruled the hearts of millions for two thousand years? Can a trusting Mussolini look anything more than a comic against a background of the steadfast progress of human happiness down through the centuries? Is there any reason to believe that the godlessness of communism is more armour proof against the Beatitudes than was the godlessness of the Roman Empire?

While the spirit of Christmas lives in the hearts of but a handful of men, there is no scope for the cynic. That was true when the Disciples of Christ were ploughing their lonely paths. It is much more true today when millions are harboring that spirit, even under the noses of the Gestapo in Norway, Belgium, Holland, Denmark and in Czecho-Slovakia.

It isn't far wrong to state that the British Empire is fighting for one thing — a Merry Christmas. Our boys are risking their lives to preserve freedom for the individual. They battle for the right to worship as we please, to maintain the happiness of home life, to secure an economy that enables all citizens to gather around a festive board in an atmosphere of brotherly love and share the joy of children, the pleasure of giving. And after all, isn't that what a Merry Christmas means?"

So we confound the cynic when we bent our hearts toward making Christmas 1940 a merry one. That's the way those who are away from home this Christmas would have had it. It's the right way!

The Canadian government is putting more guards on the exits from Canada to the United States. To most people in Ontario, the move means only that another step has been taken to make the country's financial position as sound as possible under war conditions. But it is going to mean to a few that they will no longer be able to boast about the way they obtained permits to leave Canada and how they got their hands on United States currency.

Since every Canadian dollar that is squandered on pleasure in the United States strikes a blow at Canada's ability to buy war material from the United States, none will feel sorry for the few who will be denied permits to leave the country after January first. The move will stop the practise of those who have connived to get into the States and there borrow from friends in that country. Borrowing in this way presents a foreign exchange obligation and is at present illegal.

The decision of the Ontario government to pass retroactive legislation at the next session to make lawful the running of Sunday excursions has set tongues wagging throughout the province. It is announced that international ski trains will bring sport loving crowds from New York State into the Muskoka district next month and that the Peterborough district also aims to encourage the Sunday excursion idea with a view to participating in the tourist trade.

The Lord's Day Alliance frowns on the plan. That organization will have many supporters. On the other hand, there will be many in Ontario who will support Mr. Hepburn and his colleagues.

But those on both sides of the argument should agree that Canada is not yet ripe for the spread of the Nazi-inspired idea that a government may presume on the right of the people to change a law which the people set down in the statutes. What right has Mr. Hepburn or any other provincial premier to decide that provincial elected representatives shall change the law at his bidding when the next session comes along?

ACCIDENTAL DEATH VERDICT OF JURY IN SHARPE CASE

Investigating the death of Maynard Sharpe, of Wooler, a coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death and the driver, Clarence Brooker, was in no way to blame for the accident. Maynard Sharp was almost instantly killed when a motor car which he was driving collided with the rear of one of the Rathbun buses driven by Clarence Brooker. The accident happened four miles west of Belleville on Highway No. 2. Death was due to severe internal injuries, Dr. J. W. Farley testified before the jury. The ribs on the right side were badly crushed, causing the internal injuries.

TO A FRIEND

As here I'll likely sit on Christmas Day,
This time without my aged and feeble care,
I think of you and all the other friends
And wonder how you're coming on out there.

My table here in perfect order stands,
Yet now I find it very hard to eat,
Without that face I've eaten with so oft,
So full of wrinkles and of troughs so deep.

Oft I have carried her to easy chair,
From chair to table and then back to chair,
Then to her bed and covered her with clothes,
And left her resting quietly while there.

And when at last she could not leave her bed,
And took her meals from me with tray and spoon,
I sat where I could see and hear her eat
And waited on her when her meal was done.

True help was here the last few lingering days,
And they did well to her last good comfort see,
But even when her speech had fully failed,
Her motions told, she often called for me.

'Tis now some days since in the graveyard here
We laid what we had left of her when life was gone.
'Twas then that I could fully realize
My work and care for her was fully done.

I still can hear, when on my stretcher laid,
That call that I have heard at night so oft;
That call that roused me several times each night—
And each time growing still more faint and soft.

I here must cease, 'tis folly here to mourn
For one whose life so full of years has been;
Whose years of life e'en now exceed by far
The allotted space of three score years and ten.

Then early let me rise on Christmas morn
And face the season as an honest man,
My house in order I will take a walk,
And cheer the friends I meet as best I can.

And travel to the cemetery near by —
Then to the tall dark pines I like to go;
Among which I have seen both day and night,
And listened to the soft winds through them blow.

Along the path my care has trod with me,
Before her age and weakness laid her low.
With cane in hand I'll travel on and muse,
And try the Christmas season here to know.

And when I hear the bells of Stirling ring
Upon the churches scare four miles away,
I'll think of those I heard in Edmonton
While I was there, upon the Christmas Day.

And on my neighbour's radio near at hand,
At the appointed time, this Christmas Day,
I'll listen in with deep, attentive ear
To what our Gracious Majesty shall say.

Oh friends of Edmonton, I hail each one
With "Merry Christmas and a Glad New Year."
I would to heaven I could but have you all
Sit at my table just for once, down here.

Before the day is o'er I'll likely be
With friends to dine, for they can plainly see
The loneliness; their invitations given,
They all alike are very kind to me.

Written in Clarke's Cemetery in December, 1939. Nathan A. Clarke.

Governor-General Inspects Australians

Accompanied by Sir William Glasgow, Australian high commissioner to Canada, the Earl of Athlone made a tour of inspection of the quarters being used by the Australians being trained under the commonwealth air training scheme near Ottawa. With Sir William and the governor-general is Group Captain Frank McGill, O.C. of No. 2 Service Flying Training School.

PERMITS TO MARRY

Subalterns and warrant officers under the age of twenty serving in the Active Canadian Army will now have to obtain permission of their Commanding Officer in order to marry, according to amended Routine Orders issued recently.

It is also ruled that all non-commissioned officers and men under the age of nineteen will be required to produce written consent of a parent or guardian when applying for this permission. If the intended wife is under twenty-one, written consent of her parent or guardian is also necessary. Should conditions not permit the obtaining of the necessary written consent, the Commanding Officer, if he considers the case worthy, may refer it with full particulars to the District Officer Commanding.

Failure to obtain the necessary permission from the Commanding Officer may interfere seriously in obtaining Dependents Allowance the order reveals.

VISCOUNT HALIFAX NEW AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON

Viscount Halifax, who has guided Britain's foreign policy thus far through the war, is the new ambassador to Washington — in the words of Prime Minister Churchill, the "most important post any British citizen can fill outside this country."

Anthony Eden, whom Lord Halifax replaced as Foreign Secretary on Feb. 20, 1938, returns to the Foreign Office.

Mr. Eden's post as Secretary for War goes to Capt. David Margesson, 50, chief government whip in the House of Commons.

Additional Cabinet changes were expected by some observers, including possibly the appointment of David Lloyd George, premier during the last war, to the Government.

RULES GOVERNING THE GAME OF HOCKEY

Following are the O.H.A. rules that are now in force and which both players and fans can digest to their own benefit:—

Player with Broken Stick Out of Game. A player whose stick is broken may not participate in the game until he has obtained another under pain of a minor penalty.

Picking Up Stick Thrown from Any Part of the Rink. A player whose stick is broken must obtain another but may not receive a stick thrown on the ice from any part of the rink under pain of a misconduct penalty. Sticks may be obtained from any part of the rink.

Molesting Officials. Any player who touches or holds a referee or any minor official with his hand or his stick or intentionally trips or body-checks any of such officials shall automatically receive a ten-minute penalty for misconduct for the first offence and a match-misconduct penalty for the second offence in the same game. The use of a substitute for the player so suspended shall be permitted. The offender shall also be reported to the Branch Executive for further action.

Penalties to Managers and Coaches. Any manager or coach who holds or strikes an official shall be automatically suspended from the game and reported to the Branch Executive for further action.

Throwing Broken Stick Among Spectators. A misconduct penalty shall be imposed on any player who throws any part of a broken stick among the spectators at a match.

Penalty for Gross Misconduct. The referee may order to the dressing room for the remainder of the game any player or manager guilty of gross misconduct. If a player so dismissed is taking part in the game a substitute shall be permitted.

Players Must Stay on Bench. During the progress of a match, all players taking part must remain on the players' bench when not actually on the ice or serving penalties in the penalty box. Any player who, while at the players' bench, gets on the ice, throws any article on the ice or molests or interferes with opposing players or the officials, shall receive a match misconduct penalty and the incident shall be reported to the President for further action.

Using Over-size Stick. A match misconduct penalty shall be given to any player, except a goal-keeper, using an over-size stick. A penalty shot, shall be awarded against a goal-keeper using an over-size stick.

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Miss Laura West, Toronto, was home for the Christmas holiday.

Gr. Jack Lummis, of Kingston, was home for Christmas.

Mr. Arthur Gould, Guelph, was home for the Christmas holiday.

Mr. Arthur Duncan spent the Christmas holiday at his home in Toronto.

Cpl. Fred Dainard, of Centre Lake, spent Christmas at his home here.

Miss Betty Hatton, of Toronto, spent the Christmas holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hatton.

Pte. Raymond Heath, of Camp Borden, is spending this week at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Green and family spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshal McCoy, Springbrook.

Mr. Arthur Girdwood, of Barrie, is visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. M. Girdwood.

Fr[illegible] Mrs. Delbert Zufelt, Tor- [illegible] the Christmas holidays [illegible] Mrs. R. B. Duffin.

[illegible]rs. Geo. J. Duffin, of Ma- [illegible] guests of the former's par- [illegible] the holiday.

Mr. J. S. Morton spent Christmas Day in Madoc, guest of his daughter, Mrs. J. Watson, and Mr. Watson.

Friends of Mrs. M. Girdwood will regret to learn that she is seriously ill at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen, of Leamington are visiting friends in Stirling.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Anderson spent Chritsmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Anderson, Roseneath.

Miss J. Wescott, of Beleville, spent the Christmas holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hatton.

Miss Jean McNabb, of St. Louis, Mo., is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. West.

Mr. Russell West, of Queen's University, is spending the Christmas vacation at his home here.

Miss Vivian McElrath, of Belleville was a guest on Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hatton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harper spent Christmas in Toronto, guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Sills.

Mrs. J. J. Wilson and son, Mr. Lorne Wilson, were guests of friends in Oshawa on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bell were guests of the latter's mother, in Campbellford, for Christmas.

A|C Don Ward, of Picton, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Ward, and other friends here on Christmas night.

Mr. Claire West, of Peterboro, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. West.

Miss Marie Demorest, of Toronto, is a guest of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Demorest this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Gorman and son spent Christmas with the former's parents, in Campbellford.

Mr. Gerald Sprentall, of Welland, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Sprentall.

A|C and Mrs. Jack Bailey and family, spent Chirstmas with friends in Campbellford.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bailey were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Vandervoort for Christmas.

Pte. Wm. Smith, of the Canadian Army Service Corps, is a guest of his brother, Harry Smith, of town.

Mrs. Blanche Scott is spending today at the home of her son, A|C W. J. Scott.

Pte. Elmer West, Camp Borden, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. West.

Mr. Jack Ormiston returned home on Saturday after spending thirty days training at Peterboro.

Miss Lillian Macgillivray, of Toronto, spent Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Carleton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Martin are visiting their son, Lieut. Ivan Martin, and Mrs. Martin, in London, this week.

Miss Maurietta McKee left on Sunday to spend the Christmas vacation with her sisters in Toronto.

Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Laverty returned on Thursday evening after spending Christmas in Toronto.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. V. Walker, Jack and Rowan, spent Christmas with relatives at Bethany and Port Hope.

Miss Dorothy Morton, Toronto, is spending the Christmas vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Nicholson and Greta returned home on Thursday evening after spending Christmas with relatives in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Mundy and Bobby are spending the Christmas vacation with relatives in Bowmanville and Oshawa.

Mr. David Duffin is attending the annual sessions of the Older Boys' Parliament being held in McMaster University, Hamilton, this week.

Rev. J. E. Beckel and Mr. Boyd Beckel were at Gunter on Thursday attending the funeral of the late Mr. Lazier.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Way, Wooler, and Pte. Donald Way, Camp Borden, were Christmas Day visitors at the home of Mrs. Wm. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bateman, of Belleville, were guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Mallory, on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Lemieux, of Ottawa, were guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. H. R. Tompkins, and Mr. Tompkins, over the holiday.

Leslie Chambers of the Canadian Navy arrived on Tuesday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Chambers.

Mr. Walter Rodgers, R.C.N.V.R., Kingston, spent a few days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Rodgers.

A.C. W. J. Scott, Uplands, Ottawa, and Mrs. W. J. Scott, spent Christmas with the latter's mother, Mrs. Cora Faulkner, Harold.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Whitehead, Glen, and Miss Lois Hay, spent Christmas Day in Campbellford, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rutherford.

Miss Mary Sue McGee and Mr. Clinton McGee, Toronto, are spending a few days with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. Clinton McGee.

Corp. Cliff Barrett, R.C.A.F., Montreal, was a guest on Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Clinton McGee.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Morton, Miss Dorothy Morton and Bill spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brown, Hoards.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lucas and David left on Christmas Day to spend a week visiting relatives in Barrie and Toronto.

S. J. Demorest, Hughton, Sask., arrived on Christmas Eve to spend the winter with his brother, Dr. J. S. Demorest.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Francis and family spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Emerson, Tweed.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wells and Allan and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wells and family attended a family reunion at the Wells home in Marmora, on Christmas Day.

Mr. Aubrey Rodgers, R.C.A.F., Jarvis, Ont., spent Christmas Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Rodgers, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGee.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bedell and daughters, of Sault Ste. Marie are spending the Christmas vacation with Mr. Bedell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Burkitt.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pollard on Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pollard Sr., Mrs. M. Frost and family and Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Burkitt and family, all of Frankford.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Clinton McGee for Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Murray McGee and family, and Miss Betty McGee, of Toronto.

Aircraftsmen Eddie Hatch, Toronto, and Bob Baxter and Rickey Roy, of Trenton Airport, were Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Luery.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Macklin spent Christmas with friends in Cobourg.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Eggleton spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. E. Blakely, of Madoc.

Holiday visitors at Rawdon Parsonage were Miss Winona Beckel, of Peterboro Normal School; Miss Gwendolyn Beckel, Hoards; Mr. Boyd Beckel, of St. Ola, and Mr. Harold Burgess, Queen's University, Kingston.

Miss Margaret Cook, nurse-in-training at Nicholls Hospital, Peterboro, and Mr. Carl Cook, of Essex, Ont., were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cook, over the Christmas holiday.

Guests on Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brown, Hoards, were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sharp, Burton and Ruth, Mount Pleasant; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnston and Ray, of Frankford; Mr. W. J. Snarr, Hoards, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Morton and Dorothy and Bill, Stirling.

Mr. and Mrs. John Heagle, Wellmans entertained on Christmas Day Miss H. Sarles, Belleville, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richardson and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Burkitt, Mr. Geo. Waymark and Mr. A. C. Waymark, Stirling, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bedell and daughters, Sault Ste. Marie, and Mr. Bennett and daughter, of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Belshaw left on Thursday to spend a few days in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Archer and Mr. and Mrs. W. Wiggins, Campbellford, were guests on Thursday evening of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Whitty.

Mr. and Mrs. James Legrow left last week to spend some time visiting the latter's brother in Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hough, of Deseronto, and Mr. Douglas Hough, of Queen's University, Kingston, spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Linn.

Messrs. Conley Ackers and Russell Woodbeck were in Toronto on Wednesday.

Jack Walker, of Queen's University, Kingston, is spending the Christmas vacation with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. V. Walker.

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UNDERWENT OPERATION

Mrs. H. Hubel, of town, underwent an operation in Belleville Hospital on Saturday last. Her many friends are hoping for her speedy recovery.

SAFE IN ENGLAND

Mr. W. L. Fox received a cablegram this (Friday) morning from his son, A|C Colin Fox, advising him of his safe arrival at a port somewhere in England.

RED CROSS NOTES

The local Branch of the Red Cross has received acknowledgment of the following shipment from headquarters:

Four cartons containing: 60 prs. socks, 17 sweaters, 4 scarves, 2 prs. knee caps, 5 helmets, 34 prs. mitts and gloves.

Two cartons of Refugee clothing: 37 sweaters for 6-year-old boys; 42 pairs socks for 4-year-old boys; 25 pairs mitts for 16-year-old girls; 15 night gowns and 25 shirts for 10-year-old boys.

GASCOIGNE — WALT

A pretty wedding took place in Deer Park chapel at 1.30 this (Thursday) afternoon, when Margaret Eileen Walt, daughter of Charles Finlay Walt, D.D.S., and the late Mrs. Walt, became the bride of Francis Charles Gascoigne, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Gascoigne, of Liverpool, England. Rev. F. H. Joblin performed the ceremony, before a background of copper mums and Miss Dorothy Joblin, Pickering, Ontario, played the wedding music.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an afternoon dress of royal blue transparent velvet, designed on princess lines, with collars and cuffs of lace brought by her father from France. A matching velvet turban and bouquet of talisman roses completed the ensemble. The bridesmaid, Miss Winnifred Rutledge, of Kingston, was gowned in heavenly blue crepe afternoon dress with grey accessories. She carried yellow roses. Mr. Jack Thomas assisted the groom.

At the reception, held at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. J. C. Walt, Ruston Road, Mrs. J. C. Walt received wearing a black crepe afternoon dress with a surplice of rosewood and blue, and a corsage of yellow roses.

Leaving on her honeymoon in the Laurentians, the bride travelled in a dress of soldier blue fine wool crepe with matching accessories and a black seal coat. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Gascoigne, both graduates of Queen's University, will live in Montreal.

INJURED IN COLLISION

Jack Fitzpatrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Fitzpatrick, of Stirling, suffered painful injuries about 10.30 Christmas morning when his car was in collision with a northbound motor car driven by Floyd Lovelace, of Deloro, a short distance south of Chatterton on Highway No. 14. He was on his way to Belleville, while Lovelace, accompanied by his sister and two friends, was enroute to spend Christmas in North Hastings. A heavy fog enveloped the district at the time and it is alleged to have contributed to the accident. Fitzpatrick received deep cuts in his head, as well as an injured elbow and knee. Lovelace sustained a fractured right knee, Miss Gladys Gehan, Trenton, scalp lacerations, and Mrs. Rita Johnson, Marmora, deep facial cuts. Miss Marjorie Lovelace escaped unscathed. All were passengers in Lovelace's car. The injured occupants of the Lovelace car were taken to Belleville Hospital, while Fitzpatrick was given first aid by a Foxboro doctor and brought to the home of his parents here. Latest reports are that his condition is showing improvement. Both cars were badly damaged.

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OBSERVES BIRTHDAY

Congratulations are extended to Miss Mary Judd, Front St., who will observe her 89th birthday tomorrow, (Friday). Miss Judd, who is a member of one of the pioneer families of the village, enjoys comparatively good health, and takes a keen interest in the events of the day. Her many friends unite in wishing her many happy returns of the day.

C. N. R. STATION IS BROKEN INTO

For the second time in recent months the Canadian National Railway Station here was broken into sometime during Monday night. The thief or thieves obtained nothing for their efforts, but scattered papers, etc., all over the place. Entrance was gained by removing the sash of a side window leading to the office. The robbers then jimmied the office cash box, from which the previous day's receipts had been removed, and in attempting to open the safe, broke the handle off it. The attempted robbery was discovered by M. Bell, when he went to meet the early morning train, and he immediately notified E. W. Ormiston, station agent, who in turn notified the police. Provincial police and Fred Chapman, of the C.N.R. special police department, investigated. After a close check-up was made it was found that nothing of any value had been taken.

TO OBSERVE 64th BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eggleton, of town, will celebrate their sixty-fourth wedding anniversary on New Year's Day. Both Mr. and Mrs. Eggleton are enjoying comparatively good health and plan spending the day at their home, surrounded by their family and friends.

It was on New Year's Day, 1878, that Mr. and Mrs. Eggleton, formerly Violet Carr, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Carr, were married in Stirling at the home of Rev. F. N. Fenn, circuit rider of the Methodist church. Following their marriage they followed the occupation of farming in Sidney Township, until some 21 years ago, when Mr. Eggleton turned to the carpenter trade and moved with his family to Stirling. Although well past his eightieth year, Mr. Eggleton, who gave up active work at his trade approximately five years ago, is a familiar figure on the streets of the village, and takes an active interest in the events of the day. He is a life-long member of the Presbyterian Church and has served St. Andrew's Church both as Sunday School Superintendent and a member of the session for many years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Eggleton are regular attendants at the Sunday services. Fraternally Mr. Eggleton is a veteran member of the Orange Order, joining Holloway Lodge No. 251, in 1875, and is an honorary member of Stirling Lodge No. 110. Mr. and Mrs. Eggleton have ten of a family, all of whom are living and in good health: Messrs Sam, Roy, Hector and Ervine, of Stirling; Gilbert, Brandon, Man.; Mrs. Reid, of Ottawa; Mrs. T. Benson, of Ivanhoe; Mrs. Blakely, of Madoc; Mrs. L. Phillips and Miss Ivy Eggleton of Belleville.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Eggleton will unite in congratulating them on their anniversary and wishing them many more happy years.

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COMING EVENTS

NEW YEAR'S DANCE, AUSPICES Sidney Junior Farmers, in Stirling Community Hall, Tuesday, Dec. 31. Austin's Orchestra. Admission 75c couple. 19-1

RAWDON TWP. BRANCH OF RED Cross Society will hold its annual meeting on the 2nd Wednesday in January, (the 19th) in the Township Hall, at Harold, 3.00 p.m. (S.T.) A good attendance is requested. 19-2p

RED CROSS DANCE, IN STIRLING Community Hall, Monday, Dec. 30; commencing at 9 p.m. (D.S.T.) Melody Makers Orchestra. Admission 25c. 19-1p

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stirling Red Cross and the Election of Officers will be held in the Community Hall, on Friday, January 3rd, 1940, at 2.30 p.m. 19-1

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW for the Trianon Ballroom, Belleville, New Year's Eve Party, Tuesday, December 31st. Dance all night 'till 'most daylite. Frivolity, favours, formal. Refreshments at two. Commodores Orchestra. Information: call 1636R or write Trianon c/o 168 James St., Belleville. 18-2